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SEVERAL TALKED TO BILL MINER

Minister of Justice Makes Further Reference to Prison Escapade

ST. JOHN DREDGE AFFAIR

House of Commons Discusses Remedies for Deadly Level Crossing

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—More was heard in the House of Commons today of the escape of Bill Miner from the B. C. penitentiary. In answer to a series of questions put by Mr. Meighen, of Portage la Prairie, Hon. Mr. Aylesworth gave details of the interviews different persons had with Miner while he was a prisoner in the pen. Those who saw him were A. B. McIntyre, of Kamloops, who defended at his trial; J. H. Stanton, of Portland, Ore.; R. E. Bullick, of Vancouver; C. R. Murray, of Victoria; Chief Constable McIntosh and Detective Sergeant Wilson, of New Westminster. All these interviews took place in the presence of one or more of the penitentiary officials, including either the warden or deputy warden. The officials acted on their own responsibility, as no authority had been given for the interviews by the department of justice.

The regulations authorized members of a convict's family to visit him at regular intervals, but for other persons permission of the minister of justice had to be obtained. At the investigation Bullick had stated that Miner had told him that if he gave information of the hiding place of the missing bonds he would be pardoned. It was then that the department made inquiries and learned of the interviews having been held. The detectives were not in the pay of the government. It was understood that the bonds in question were valued at fifty thousand pounds sterling, but since the escape of Miner no steps had been taken to ascertain whether these bonds had been located.

The McAvity dredging matter was also up on questions put by Haughton Lennox. Mr. Pugsley for the government stated that no steps were to be taken to recover the $35,000 which McAvity secured as his share of the dredging contract. The minister explained that the first tender of Mayes had not been accepted because the contract called for the work being done with Canadian dredges. The lowest price for Canadian tenders was $1.25. The government thereupon called for new tenders, and Mayes tendered at 55 cents, the other being at $1. Mayes was awarded the tender, the restriction compelling the employment of Canadian dredges having been eliminated when the tenders were called for. The minister added that "Any person of ordinary business knowledge, without having a legal training, would know that no right of action would exist to recover any portion of the money paid under the contract so awarded."

The remainder of the session was taken up with discussion of the level crossings question. Mr. Graham rather frankly admitted that the government was in somewhat of a quandary on the question. The government admitted the necessity of providing some additional safeguards for the public at level crossings, but there were a number of difficulties in the way, and these could only be cleared away by the concerted action of the federal, provincial, municipal and railway authorities. The minister, while not promising that legislation would be brought down this session, declared that a bill might be introduced which he hoped would deal equitably with all the parties concerned.

Mr. Lennox suggested that representatives of municipalities interested should be called to Ottawa and an expression of their views secured, details gathered and competent men sent to report on the crossings existing.

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TURKEY'S TROUBLES

New Government Left Without Services of Nazim Pasha—Outlook Not Favorable

London, Feb. 17.—A despatch to the Times from Constantinople says that the refusal of Nazim Pasha to return to his command in Adrianople or accept any post in the new government is a serious blow. In addition to the prestige of his name, he would have greatly strengthened the new ministry. It is known that the opinion of the officers and men of the second army corps, of which Nazim Pasha was commander prior to being appointed minister of war by Kiamil Pasha, from which office he was almost immediately removed by the Grand Vizier, is by no means unanimous regarding the recent changes. It is even reported that they have addressed a telegram to the Porte demanding the retention of their late commander at the war office. Although says the despatch, the outlook is not very reassuring, it is becoming obvious that the committee of union and progress must themselves assume the reins of power or withdraw and allow the supposed government to become also the real government.

North Vancouver Ferry

Vancouver, Feb. 17.—It is probable that the North Vancouver ferry system, established many years ago on Burrard inlet, will shortly be taken over as a municipal undertaking by the city of North Vancouver.

Great Northern Train Derailed.

Gretna, Man., Feb. 16.—The Great Northern flyer from St. Paul to Winnipeg was derailed at Ardock, N. D., today. The passengers were badly shaken up, but none were seriously injured.

Vancouver to Pay Damages

Vancouver, Feb. 17.—W. A. McPhalen, locomotive engineer, was today awarded damages of $3,500 by the jury in his suit against the city. McPhalen tripped on a faulty sidewalk and had one eye put out by hitting a spike.

Controlling Lumber Business.

Moose Jaw, Sask., Feb. 17. — The Faust Lumber Company, of Moose Jaw, has purchased the Independent Lumber Company's business at Regina and twenty-four branch yards, which gives it the control of a large part of the lumber business of Saskatchewan.

ELECTRIC PROCESS IN STEEL MAKING

U. S. Steel Corporation to Establish Two Furnaces in Heroult System

New York, Feb. 17.—The Iron Age will say tomorrow: "The United States Steel corporation has decided to introduce the Heroult electric furnace and steel process, after its engineers have made a close study of the subject, extending over two years, and have made a number of visits to the localities abroad where electric furnaces and methods are in operation. The outcome of these investigations is that it has been decided to put up one 15 ton Heroult furnace at the South Chicago works of the Illinois Steel company, and one 15 ton furnace at the Washburn and Moen plant, at Worcester, of the American Steel and Wire company.

"The United States Steel Corporation will therefore, be the pioneers in introducing electric refining both in the manufacture of tonnage products, like rails, and special steel for the wire industry.

"The quality of rails has been a burning subject in recent years, and the plan of producing what will be the equivalent of tool steel quality is one which raises high hopes for the future. Plans for the two plants are now being drawn, and construction will be rushed so that both will be in operation before the early summer."

LUMBER ENTERPRISE

Five Miles of Railway to Be Built to Gain Access to Limits at Gordon Pasha Lakes

Vancouver, Feb. 17.—To open up an extensive acreage of some of the finest crown-granted fir limits in British Columbia, Messrs. Macdonald and Gzowski, engineers and contractors, will build five miles of railway from salt water to Gordon Pasha lakes, the contract for construction having been awarded today by the Brooks-Scanlon-O'Brient company, owners of the rich timber areas.

The holdings of the Brooks-Scanlon-O'Brien company in this district are all tributary to Gordon Pasha lakes, which means that the logs will be placed in the lakes and floated down to the upper end of the railway line, where they will be loaded on cars and hauled to tidewater booming grounds.

While it is not the intention of the company at the present time to do more than sell logs on the market, it is proposed to ultimately erect a mammoth sawmill, where the logs will be manufactured for Canadian and export trade. Besides its holdings at Gordon Pasha lakes, the company owns some exceedingly large areas of the finest grade of fir timber on the Lillooet river.

The railway to be built by Macdonald, Gzowski and company will start at Stillwater bay, formerly known as Scow bay, situated on the mainland a few miles north of Jervis inlet.

Dr. W. W. Ogden Ill

Toronto, Feb. 17.—Dr. W. W. Ogden, who was chairman of the board of education last year, is critically ill.

Died While at Prayer

Chatham, N.B., Feb. 17.—James Mills 59 years old, was stricken with heart failure while kneeling in prayer at his bedside last night. A neighbor found him dead in that position this morning.

ALLEGED LIBEL ON GOVERNMENT

Warrants Issued for Arrest of New York and Indianapolis Editors

PANAMA CANAL INCIDENT

Defendants Charged With Villifying and Defaming the President and Others

Washington, Feb. 17.—Bench warrants were issued late today for the arrest of Joseph Pulitzer, Caleb Vanhamm, and Robert Lyon of New York, proprietor and editors of the New York World, and for Delavan Smith and Charles R. Williams, owners of the Indianapolis News, for criminal libel in connection with the Panama Canal purchase from the French owners.

The indictments on which the warrants were based were returned today by the United States grand jury sitting in this city, and the warrants were issued later by the clerk of criminal court number one. The warrants are directed against all five of the defendants. The summons requires the corporate defendant (the Press Publishing Company, of New York) to appear in court forthwith under the indictment. District Attorney Baker probably will not send the copies of the Bench warrants and the certified copies of the indictment to New York or Indianapolis for a day or two. They were placed late today in the hands of the United States marshal here, and he will proceed with them in accordance with the directions of Mr. Baker.

Theodore Roosevelt, Wm. H. Taft, Elihu Root, J. P. Morgan, Chas. P. Taft, Douglas Robinson and Wm. Nelson Cromwell are named in the indictment as the persons alleged to have been villified by the stories appearing in the two newspapers. Copies of the summons and of the indictment were served this evening on the Press Publishing Company by service on Otto Carmichael, its agent in this jurisdiction. The counter copies will be filed with United States Commissioner John R. Shields, in New York, who will issue warrants for the arrest of the defendants of the New York World, who will be brought before him to show cause why they should not be extradicted to this jurisdiction for trial.

"The indictment of the New York World and the Indianapolis News is not an indictment of the press of the United States, as they would like to have it appear," said Mr. Cromwell, "but a part of the press of the country." I am in full favor," he continued, "of a free and unmuzzled press."

The indictments against all the parties are substantially identical, and are very elaborate, setting out a complete history of the transactions by which the United States acquired title to the Panama Canal property from the French company. Extensive quotations from news articles and editorials published both by the New York Herald and the Indianapolis News, are given in the indictments. In addition, they contain the unusual feature of photographic likenesses which have figured in the stories and the re-production of a cartoon which appeared in the Indianapolis News, representing Norman E. Mack digging up evidence in the Canal zone against Cromwell, Chas. P. Taft and J. P. Morgan, who are represented as overlooking the operation.

The World pictures of Chas. P. Taft, Douglas Robinson and William Nelson Cromwell published in connection with the story "about the great Panama Canal deal," are reproduced in the indictment against that paper. In both indictments the second count charges that the publications "unlawfully and maliciously" were intended to villify the said Chas. P. Taft, the said Nelson Cromwell and the said J. P. Morgan, and to bring them and each of them into public scandal, contempt, ridicule, infamy and disgrace. It is alleged in this indictment against the Indianapolis News that the paper, through its editors and proprietor, "unlawfully and maliciously" contrived and intended to villify and defame the said Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, the said J. P. Morgan, the said Chas. P. Taft, the said Douglas Robinson, and the said Nelson Cromwell, and to bring them into public scandal, contempt, ridicule, infamy and disgrace.

GRAND TRUNK LOSES ITS CASE ON APPEAL

Privy Council Holds That Third Class Fare Section is Still in Force

London, Feb. 17.—The case of Robertson vs. the Grand Trunk railway, to compel the Grand Trunk to grant a two cent a mile third class passenger rate between Montreal and Toronto, after running through the Canadian courts, has been decided by the privy council in favor of the plaintiff. Robertson.

Lord Loreburn in delivering judgment said the section of the charter imposing third class fares on the company was still in force. The whole question was whether the section was inconsistent with the new railway act of Canada. He held that it was not. He also held that the privy council could not decide whether or not the section was upon the statutes by desire or because it was overlooked.

The company's appeal was accordingly dismissed with costs.

NANAIMO BAR ROOMS

Hours Are Shortened By New License Regulation Bylaw—Nanaimo to Have City Engineer

Nanaimo, Feb. 17.—At the second reading of the liquor license regulation by-law in the city council it was established that hereafter all bar rooms in the city would be closed at 12 o'clock midnight and all day Sunday. This will be quite a change in Nanaimo, as hitherto barrooms were kept open as long as there was anyone there to be served. Later, however, the hotel men, seeing some move on the part of the council, got together and agreed to close their bars at 1 o'clock. This agreement among themselves they had been living up to.

At the city council meeting last night it was decided that in order that the various works outlined to be done by the city should be carried on expeditiously, it would be necessary to secure the services of a city engineer, to be in the permanent employ of the city. Applications will be called for immediately.

Smallpox on Cruiser

Halifax, Feb. 17.—Seven of the crew of the Dominion cruiser Canada have been sent to the quarantine hospital suffering from smallpox, and the remainder of the crew have been vaccinated and confined to the dockyard.

Alleged Barbarity

St. Thomas, Ont., Feb. 17.—A young Englishman was arrested yesterday at Iona charged with being responsible for the destruction of Ira Gilbert's cattle at Fingal by thrusting a sharp instrument down their throats.

Struck by a Train

St. John, N. B., Feb. 17.—Jos. Macneil of South Sydney and Walter Murphy of Limerick, Ireland, were struck by a train on the C. P. R. between McAdam and Vanceboro last night. MacNeil was killed and Murphy injured.

Four Killed in Wreck

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 17.—An official report to the Illinois Central railroad gives the number of dead in the wreck near Carbondale as four and the injured as twenty. The train wrecked was a local. The accident was caused by a broken rail. The engine and express car passed over safely, but the remaining four cars turned over. A special train with doctors and nurses left for the scene of the wreck.

PERSIAN EARTHQUAKE KILLED THOUSANDS

Shocks Recorded on January 13th Centred in Remote District

Teheran, Persia, Feb. 17.—News was received here today showing that the violent quake recorded on January 13 at almost every scientific observatory in the world where seismographs are installed had its location in the province of Luristan, western Persia. Sixty villages in that district were wholly or partially destroyed, and the resultant loss of life is placed at between 5,000 and 6,000 people.

This information was conveyed in belated reports just received by the government. In the districts of Burukurd and Selahor, in Luristan province, the shocks were of the greatest violence, and here the heaviest casualties occurred.

Several villages are reported to have been completely engulfed. The losses would have been very much greater were it not for the fact that this district is sparsely populated. The destitute survivors are flocking into the town of Burukurd, whence appeals for assistance are now reaching the government.

The peasantry lost all their herds, and it is estimated that from 10,000 to 12,000 head of cattle perished.

This is the first accurate location of the violent earthquake shock of Jan. 13, it having been supposed up to today that the disturbance had centered in western Asia, in Asiatic Russia or even in the waters of the Indian ocean. The records showed that the tremors were practically of the same force as those of December 28 which converted the coast regions of Sicily and Calabria into a scene of desolation and ruin. The shocks in question were recorded in London, Berlin, Hamburg, Goettingen, Vienna, Stuttgart, Washington, etc., and even in far off Cape Colony. The province of Luristan is very mountainous and sparsely settled. It is about 300 miles southwest of Teheran and the only communication with the Persian capital is by courier. The inhabitants are chiefly Bakytyaris, an offshoot of the Iranian people.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Feb. 17.—Heavy earthquakes occurred throughout the island of Porto Rico at 3 o'clock this morning. The inhabitants were awakened by the oscillations, and their alarm was great. No damage, however, was done. The vibrations lasted for at least twenty seconds and the movement was from east to west. The weather today is very stormy.

Smyrna, Feb. 17.—A strong earthquake was registered here this morning but there was no local damage. Reports from Phocea and Menemen, smal towns lying between 25 and 30 miles north of Smyrna, say that a dozen houses collapsed. There was not any loss of life.

St. Thomas, D.W.I., Feb. 17.—A heavy earthquake shock was experienced here this morning. No damage was done.

Judgment in Demurrage Case

London, Ont., Feb. 17.—Judgment has been given by the railway commission in what is known as the average demurrage case," which was brought to the attention of the board in the interests of shippers generally by the Wallaceburg Sugar Co. There is a regulation in force allowing 48 hours for the unloading of cars. The shippers asked that when cars are unloaded in less than that time, they should be allowed a time credit for it. The request was not allowed, on the ground that it might prove a hardship on small shippers.

BUDGET SPEECH IN LEGISLATURE

Minister of Finance Presents Estimates for Coming Year

THE FACTS AND PROPHECY

Mr. Tatlow Predicts Great Industrial and Commercial Future

The Minister of Finance brought in the budget yesterday. According to the estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1910, the receipts of the province will be $5,948,626.66, and the estimates also provide for an expenditure of $5,615,789.11.

In dealing with the estimates for public works throughout the province the Minister of Finance stated that this year there could be no criticisms brought against the government on the score of partiality to any section or sections of the province, all being generously dealt with in the estimates.

In his speech, Mr. Tatlow made an able defence of the financial policy of the McBride government. After reviewing the steady and phenomenal increase in the revenue since 1903, he pointed to the handsome surplus of the past year, upwards of a million and a half dollars, as a fitting culmination of this policy put into practice. The increase, he stated, was largely derived from the exploitation of the natural resources of the province, notably from lands, timber and minerals. Whereas in 1904 nearly 30 per cent. of the total revenue came from income, personal property and real estate tax, these sources now constitute only 12 1-2 per cent. of the revenue.

Speaking of the use to which the large surplus had been put the minister pointed out that $576,000 of the outstanding $600,000 debentures of the million dollar loan of 1904 had been redeemed, leaving only $24,000 outstanding. In addition to this $100,000 in value of the 3 1-2 Dyking Debentures had been secured on the London market for $91,000. A part of the surplus was also used in undertaking some of the more urgent public works in the province, that the larger portion was placed in the bank at interest.

Speaking of the estimated expenditure on public works during the coming year, Mr. Tatlow pointed out two items which were, he said, more of the nature of investments than of the ordinary expenditures of the government. These were the items of $75,000 for Point Grey and South Vancouver, and $80,000 for clearing land at Prince Rupert. Of the expenditure of $200,000 for sewers and roads at Prince Rupert, $150,000 would be returned by the Grand Trunk Pacific with interest on the completion of the work.

Progress in Agriculture

Leaving the estimates, Mr. Tatlow entered into a full report of the work of the department of agriculture during the year. He pointed out a substantial increase in the dairying, poultry-raising, fruit-growing, and general agricultural industries during the year and the steadily rising prices to encourage the producers. He pointed out also that there was no danger of the market being overstocked with agricultural produce, as at present the great proportion of this produce is imported from outside states and provinces.

The opening of the Panama Canal, which President Taft of the United States predicts will take place within six and possibly in four years was also referred to. The products peculiar to British Columbia will then have a quicker way to the Atlantic and to the markets of Europe. It behooved the people of this province to look forward to seizing the opportunities this new route would present.

The fishing, mining and lumber industries were referred to in their turn. Mr. Tatlow spoke of the proposed bureau of forestry, and foreshadowed legislation looking to the more adequate protection of the timber of the province.

A Prophecy

In conclusion he spoke of two shipments of wheat from the ports of the province since the last session. These were shipments of Alberta wheat from Vancouver to Mexico and Europe. This led Mr. Tatlow to close with a prophecy.

"When the "A. B. C. Route is established," he said," for one ship now used scores will be needed, as well as hundreds of locomotives and thousands of cars, and lines of elevators will occupy the waterfronts of our harbors. Further, one does not need to be a prophet to see in the not distant future big ships yards and steel works established in which these ships and locomotives and cars and the rails on which they run will be built in British Columbia, for we have the raw materials in abundance, and when the necessity arises, capital will be forthcoming to exploit them."

Stuart Henderson (Yale), moved adjournment of the debate until Monday next.

The budget speech follows:

Mr. Speaker,—"In rising to move that you do now leave the chair, I am again able to congratulate this House on the satisfactory condition of the provincial finances, and to inform you that the balance of accounts for the last fiscal year shows once more a substantial surplus of revenue over expenditure, a surplus obtained, I am glad to say, almost entirely from the manner in which the national resources of the province are being appreciated and developed and not from any additions to the direct taxation of the people. By turning to the public accounts you will find the total re-

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BUDGET SPEECH IN LEGISLATURE

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venue for the year was $5,979,054, and the expenditure $4,590,673, leaving a surplus of $1,431,447.

"Perhaps there is no better criterion of the advance made by the province than a comparison of the revenue for the last six years, showing that the receipts have very nearly trebled in that period.

1903	$2,009,412
1904	2,597,867
1905	2,874,554
1906	2,992,900
1907	4,338,632
1908	5,931,372

But the greatest increase of all is that of the year with which we are dealing over that of 1907, being above 1 1-2 millions, or nearly 50 per cent.

Sources of Increase

"This increase is the more satisfactory when we consider that it is largely derived from crown properties, such as lands, timber, minerals and other sources which point to the advancement and development of the province and not from increased taxation. In fact, owing to these conditions we have been able to make material reductions in the rate of real and personal property taxes twice in the course of the last five years (and this in spite of the fact that fourteen municipalities have been incorporated during that period segregating from the provincial assessment rolls a very large amount of valuable real property, with the result that the total amount of taxes collected under the heads of provincial revenue, income, personal and real propery, were last year only a little more than ten per cent. greater than in 1904, when they constituted over 30 per cent. of the total revenue and now are only 12 1-2 per cent., or much less than one half in proportion, and I hope if all goes well to be able to announce a still further reduction next session.

"To point out this more fully, I will state what these taxes amounted to for the period named.

Year.	Revenue	Personal Property Tax.	Income Tax.	Real Property Tax.	Total
1903-04	$148,725.00	$175,435.19	$ 72,102.79	$287,497.88	$683,760.86
1904-05	157,821.00	193,004.80	72,053.22	286,226.16	709,105.18
1905-06	179,721.00	134,587.96	83,834.33	301,765.35	699,908.64
1906-07	193,838.00	129,287.80	113,638.35	263,547.21	700,311.36
1907-08	207,783.00	134,738.01	152,899.80	269,151.32	764,572.13

I have selected these as being more particularly of the nature of "direct taxation," on the ordinary individual as apart from the speculator in wild lands or holder of timber coal or mineral rights.

Accrued Values

"To return to the revenue for last year amounting to $5,931,372, which it will be seen is largely in excess of the estimate of $3,286,476—it must however be remembered that this estimate was made in the early spring of 1907 and based on the receipts for the previous year which were under three million dollars. At that time there was little to indicate the subsequent sudden increase in timber, revenues from licenses and royalties which in 1906 amounted to $509,000 and last year realized $2,258,000 or a million and one half more than the estimate. Again in 1906 nothing was received under the terms of the Chinese Restriction Act, and it was supposed that $500 head tax had effectually stopped this immigration, so nothing was placed under this head in the estimates, while in 1908 the province received $345,000 as its share of the tax collected by the Dominion Government.

"Also under the arrangement made by the Hon., the Premier, at the conference at Ottawa in the fall of 1907, the province received an addition of $215,000 to the former subsidies. In these three items alone an increase of considerably over two millions is accounted for which could hardly have been foreseen at the time the estimates were formed, a circumstance not likely to occur again now that the meeting of the Legislature is held so close to the commencement of the fiscal year—changed at last session from July 1st to April 1st. This unexpected excess led to the large surplus referred to in my opening remarks and naturally left a considerable cash balance to the credit of the province. Under these circumstances it was thought wise to purchase the 5 per cent. loan of $1,000,000 made in 1903, repayable in ten instalments of $100,000 per annum. After negotiation $576,000 of the outstanding $600,000 debentures were redeemed leaving only $24,000 still remaining. This transaction, will I know, please my friends opposite as I remember one of their objections to the loan was that it should have been made for three or five years instead of 10—it will be satisfactory to them to learn that it has (except the $24,000) been all paid off in less than four years in addition to which the country has had the safeguard that had conditions not improved as rapidly as has fortunately been the case, the loan could have run its course of 10 years. Later on it came to our knowledge that $100,000 in value of our 3 1-2 per cent. Dyking Debentures were being offered on the London market and after some negotiation these were purchased for $91,000, a trahsaction which has caused favorable comment in London and will I think, stand criticism.

Public Works.

"In addition to these expenditures it was deemed advisable to use a portion of these funds in undertaking some of the more urgent public works which had either previously not been provided for owing to lack of means or had been rendered necessary owing to the growing needs of the province, rather than delay its progress for the months to elapse before the annual meeting of the legislature.

"The larger portion of this money, however, was left in the bank at interest and produced the greater part of the $69,000 credited under the head of interest in the public accounts. So that while we have not thought it prudent to reduce our indebtedness further by the purchase of 3 per cent. inscribed stock the money in hand offsets as far as it goes the interest on that stock and I sincerely hope a portion at any rate will be retained to meet the probable demands of the near future. The opening up of the northern country and Queen Charlotte Islands as well as the requirements that the great development that is setting in over the whole province will shortly render necessary and enable us to meet these demands out of our own resources instead of again increasing the public burden which of late we have to some extent succeeded in reducing. Owing principally to the causes I have mentioned a great reduction in liabilities will be found in the last balance sheet of the province. During the last five years this figure is as follows:

1904—Bal. liabili. over assets.	$8,764,412
1905 " " "	8,788,828
1906 " " "	8,106,152
1907 " " "	6,525,233
1908 " " "	4,226,887

Or in other words our net liabilities on the 30th June last were less than one-half what they amounted to on the 30th June, 1904.

The total indebtedness of the province on 30 June last stood at	$10,998,146
Against which we hold in sinking fund	1,589,538
Leaving the net debt of the province	$9,408,608
In 1905 this liability amounted to	$11,382,786
Consequently since that period our indebtedness has been decreased by	$1,974,178
And if we add the 100,000 Dyking Debentures recently bought in London	100,000
We obtain a total reduction of	$2,074,178

Other Assets.

"I think all must admit this showing is most satisfactory and even yet we have not taken into account the valuable interest we have recently acquired in one-fourth of the townsite of Prince Rupert so soon to become one of the most important cities of the Pacific coast or of that immensely valuable tract of land at Point Grey immediately adjoining the city of Vancouver, some 3,500 acres in extent which is being surveyed and prepared for opening up and the value of which it is impossible to estimate further than we know it is a matter not of thousands of dollars but of millions of dollars, both of which properties will handsomely repay the outlay the province is asked to advance in order that the best returns may be obtained when the time comes to place them on the market.

"To come now to the estimates of revenue and expenditure for the coming year. I can congratulate the House on the change made last session, as we are now able to estimate more closely for the year commencing April 1st than we would have been under former conditions. Again, the money so voted will become immediately available for use on our roads and other public works, instead of as formerly waiting until the season is too far advanced to get the best value in return.

Estimated Receipts.

"The estimate of receipts reaches nearly to six million dollars and is based on the receipts of the last year coupled with present conditions and although there may be some give and take business a few of the principal items, I confidently expect this total will be reached.

"The estimate of expenditure amounts to $5,615,798, the largest in the history of the province and I am glad to say one half of it is devoted to public works. The first item is public debt $520,824, which shows a decrease from 1908 of $130,000 and from 1907 of from $191,000 in the annual cost of the public debt being due to the redemption of the debentures of 1903 and the paying off the parliament building loan and the 1877 loan.

"The votes for civil government and administration of justice salaries show a considerable increase over last year, largely due to the increase of public business, necessitating additional clerks and other officials as well as increasing in many instances the responsibility of those already in the service. The same remarks apply to public institutions (maintenance), increased about $26,000, and administration of justice increased $42,000, and education $105,000.

"The vote for legislation is practically the same as last year, as is that for hospitals and charities and transport, while there is a reduction under revenue service owing to the salaries of log scalers being removed from this vote to miscellaneous where the item appears in detail.

Public Works.

"To public works we have been able to devote the handsome sum of $2,810,000, by the far the largest vote for that purpose ever placed on the provincial estimates. For the last four years the expenditure under this head has been:

1905	$368,000
1906	$452,726
1907	$854,135
1908	$1,418,916

So that, as I pointed out, it is proposed this year to spend double as much as in last year, the larger portion being for roads, streets and bridges, while I am sure the House will be glad to find a very liberal allowance has been made for surveys. Among these items are two sums which partake of the nature of investments. I refer to the expenditure on Point Grey and South Vancouver of $75,000 and clearing land at Prince Rupert of $80,000, while of the vote of $200,000 for roads and sewers at Prince Rupert $150,000 or three-fourths will be returned by the Grand Trunk Pacific on completion of the work. I may say this latter vote is placed in the main estimates instead of the supplementaries as the money will not be required until the beginning of the new fiscal year, consequently the special warrant for $200,000 of October last intended for this purpose will be cancelled as none of the money was required as early as expected when the arrangement was entered into.

"In passing from this item, I can only express the hope that our friends on the opposite side of the House after looking over the District appropriations will acknowledge there has not been any attempt to discriminate but an honest desire to administer fairly to the requirements of all constituencies.

"The last item, miscellaneous, $378,240, is an increase over last nine months estimate, which was at the rate of $258,000 for the full year.

"The expansion of general business has rendered it necessary to increase most of the ordinary items, such as advertising, stationery, etc.

"I may call attention to the item of $25,000 for salary increases under the Civil Service Act. This Act provides for a commission who will grade the Civil Service and adjust the increases of salary.

"The grant for game protection has been raised to $20,000, of which it is estimated at least $10,000 will be realized from Game Licenses. In asking for this grant, the Provincial Game Warden points out that constant complaints are made of infringement of the game laws and there should be a launch to patrol the coast, which in addition to game protection could give assistance to the Police and Fire Wardens. Some of this sum will be devoted to the protection of the Wapiti on Vancouver Island, now being exterminated and for similar purposes elsewhere. He points out what has been done in East Kootenay in the last four years in the increase of game.

Fighting Forest Fires

"Increases are asked in the Agricultural Votes and for fighting forest fires a sum of $37,000, while as explained before the Log Scalers are included under this head. There are three commissions, including Revision of Statutes, for which $20,000 is provided—while the increased rent of our London Offices and other expenses will require a further $5,000, all of which go to accounts for the increased sum asked for under miscellaneous.

"I have already mentioned some reasons for the Supplementary Estimates, which amount to $1,038,950, including the redemption of $100,000 dyking debentures and of the remainder nearly $700,000 has been expended on necessary Public Works.

"In leaving further explanation of the various amounts until the House goes into Committee, when all necessary details will be supplied, I would like before closing to make a few remarks about the general conditions of the industries of the province and more particularly of the department over which I have the honor to preside. At the present time we are engaged to some extent in re-organizing the Department of Agriculture. It is proposed to divide it into two or more sections embracing horticulture, dairying, live stock, etc., with a qualified practical official at the head of each—all being under the immediate supervision of the Deputy Minister—by this means, it is hoped to obtain a better knowledge of the capabilities and requirements of the country and in institute work and all other relations, render the department of more practical assistance to the farmer and horticulturist.

Farmers' Institutes

"The interest shown by members of Farmers' Institutes during 1908, indicated by increased attendance at meetings and an intelligent appreciation of the work, is very encouraging. There are now 35 institutes in the province, and petitions for the formation of others are being received. These institutes held 250 meetings during the year and were attended by 7,493 members. I am glad to be able to say that the agricultural interests have not suffered during the past year, the report of progress being very satisfactory and abundant crops the rule.

"There has been a substantial growth in the dairying industry, the number of creameries, the output of butter and the number of patrons showing considerable increases. The Dairymen's Association has more than doubled in membership and a lively interest is being taken in the work. In 1907, only eight members attended the annual meeting, while this year 137 members owning an aggregate of over 3,500 dairy cows, were present. The creameries have increased from 18 to 22, and the number of patrons from 944 to 1214. The output of butter has increased by 195,000 pounds, representing an increased value of $20,900, and the average advanced from 32 to 34 1-7 cents per pound. A comparative statement for the years 1907 and 1908, shows the following results:

Creameries

	1907.	1908
No. of patrons	944	1214
Lbs. of butter mfgd.	1,651,304	1,846,977
Gross Receipts	$549,421.43	$570,367.87
Sold per lb	32c	34 1-7c
Amt. paid Patr's	$466,824.28	$491,267.63

These figures do not include the dairy butter, which is estimated at 450,000 pounds value at $125,000, which would bring the grand total to two million pounds valued at $659,367, or $128,500 more than the output of 1907.

There has been a notable increase in cheese making and in the milk business Another cheese factory has been established and the output shows a gain of 84,000 pounds which sold at 13½ cents per pound. The number of companies selling milk and cream has doubled and the amount paid to patrons totals $286,942, as compared with $117,776 in 1907, an increase of $109,166. Taking the totals of returns made by the dairy inspector the dairy farmers received for their products about $2,700,000, while the addition to the wealth of the province would be over three million dollars.

Room for More.

"While these results are encouraging, showing a steady progress in dairying, there is room and to spare for more creameries and dairy farms, for we still import about two-thirds of the butter locally consumed and shipped to Yukon. The high prices secured for butter at first hand should prove an incentive to the establishment of more creameries.

"The sanitary conditions of the dairies are being looked after by the inspectors, who are instructed to enforce the regulation so as to secure the greatest possible cleanliness in the housing of stock and handling of milk. It is also the intention to use the services of lecturers and demonstrators to instruct the farmers in the most approved methods used in the older provinces and in Europe.

"The raising of poultry, looked upon by many farmers as an unimportant and therefore much neglected branch of farm work, is a very profitable business, and offers good opportunities to all who will take it up seriously. Men experienced in the business count upon a clear profit of from one to upwards of two dollars per year from each hen. Compare that with the average profit derived per head of dairy cows and the difference in the cost and labor and all the advantage would lie with the poultry yard. The demand for poultry and eggs is great and ever increasing. Like fruit growing there is no fear of glutting the market for over production is an extremely remote possibility. The average price of eggs in 1905 was 30 cents per dozen; in 1906 34 cents; in 1907 37½ cents, and in 1908 40 cents, an increase in three years of 10 cents per dozen, in spite of the fact that there was a very considerable increase in local production in those years. The prices of poultry have also increased 20 to 25 per cent in the same period and the demand is always greater than the supply. Poultry raisers in some instances are handicapped from want of facilities for marketing their products to the best advantage, but a remedy for this is promised through a scheme for co-operation by which the creamery companies will handle poultry and eggs as well as their own output of butter and cream.

Still Import Supplies.

"Notwithstanding a substantial increase in agricultural produce the the local market is still supplied to a very large extent from outside. These imports last year included 11,400 head of cattle, 14,275 hogs and 35,000 to 40,000 sheep. There are also large quantities of dressed meats and poultry. Fifteen thousand carcasses of mutton were received from Australia alone and forty car loads of poultry from Eastern Canada. The value of poultry and eggs imported was considerably over a million dollars. Ham, bacon, pork, lard, butter, cheese, canned fruit, jams and jellies, and other products of the farm the exact quantities of which I am unable to present, as the statistics are compiled at Ottawa and will not be available until March 31st. There is no reason to doubt, however, that when the figures have been totalled up they will show that nearly, if not quite, as large an amount of money was sent out of the province for these commodities as in 1907, when the value of agricultural imports was over six million dollars.

"A gratifying feature of the year was the increase in pre-emption records, no less than 160,000 acres having been taken up, while Crown grants for another 41,500 acres were issued to pre-emptors who had performed their settlement duties. This would indicate a very large increase of the population living on pre-empted lands. Judging from the many inquiries made from Mr. Palmer, Mr. Scott and myself while in England last autumn, in connection with the fruit and also from the number of letters of enquiry received by the Land and Agricultural Departments and the Bureau of Information, this is only the advance guard of the numbers who have expressed their intention of settling in British Columbia during the coming season. In anticipation of this welcome invasion the government has set apart several reserves in the great central valleys, aggregating several million acres of agricultural land, which will only be disposed of to actual settlers under the pre-emption clauses of the Land Act. The subdivision of these reserves, already begun, and for which provision is made in these estimates, will be completed with all possible dispatch and every endeavor will be made to provide roads and trails for the accommodation of the newcomers. The settlement and cultivation of these reserves, which are adjacent to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, will create new communities and new interests the importance of which we can now hardly realize.

The Panama Route.

"The opening of the Panama Canal which Mr. Taft, president-elect of the United States has announced will be completed within six and possibly in four years will benefit all our industries. Lumber, minerals, fish, fruit, every item of export will find a cheaper and as regards some of these commodities a quicker way to the Atlantic and will throw open to our commerce the Eastern coasts of North and South America as well as the ports of Great Britain and Europe. The advantages of the Panama route are obvious, and it behoves the people of British Columbia to prepare for its inauguration and be in position to seize the opportunities which it will afford.

"Reports from the fruit districts are most encouraging, and plainly indicate that fruit growing is rapidly attaining the rank of a leading industry. Figures furnished by the railway and express companies from year to year are sufficient to confirm this conclusion. Seven years ago—in 1902—the total shipments by rail amounted to 1,956 tons, in 1907 the total was 4,743 tons, while last year (1908) there was shipped the highly satisfactory total of 6,498 tons—an increase of over four thousand five hundred tons in six years, and for 1908 an increase of more than seventeen hundred tons over 1907. This splendid showing is, I consider, as remarkable as it is gratifying, for the greater part of this fruit was produced in districts, which, a very few years ago, were looked upon as practically worthless except for grazing cattle while others were only valued for their mineral deposits. The adaptability of the soil of portions of the interior and the dry belt to fruit growing must be counted as one of the foremost advantages which the province offers to settlers and an important factor in its future prosperity. In the dry belt today we see thousands of acres, which formerly grew nothing but bunch grass and sage brush, laid out in flourishing orchards.

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Arrangement Arrived at After Heated Debate Before the Committee

There is evidently something inflammatory about water, in fact several of the members of the private bills committee yesterday expressed the opinion that it must be more dangerous than whiskey. A step in advance, however, was made, as after a lengthy period of heated debate and many recriminations between learned counsel, in which Mayor Hall took his part, it was decided that the inhabitants of Oak Bay and Saanich should be permitted to share in the privileges of Victoria citizens so far as the right to water is concerned.

A section of the Victoria Water Works Act states that it shall be the duty of the water commissioner to provide water for Victoria, and the words Oak Bay and Saanich are to be added thereto. It was also announced that the city had decided to accept the suggestion of Chairman Ross that an amendment be made to the Municipal Clauses Act empowering the lieutenant-governor in council to approve of the plans of any municipality for acquiring water works, and to extend, if necessary, the borrowing powers of the city for that purpose. Whether or no objections will develop to the solution remains to be seen, but in any event the theatre of operations will thus be transferred to the municipal committee, while the committee over which Mr. Ross presides will have got rid of a tangled controversy.

Mr. Bodwell's Statement

E. V. Bodwell, K. C., on behalf of the municipalities of Oak Bay and Saanich, made a lengthy statement as to what had taken place between the city and Oak Bay. He went through the correspondence and outlined the proceedings which had occurred at various meetings held to discuss the subject. Counsel stated that the city of Victoria had, apart from any rights of the Esquimalt Water Works company, the monopoly of all water within an area of 20 miles of the city, with the result that his clients were absolutely cut off from any source of supply for themselves. This left them at the mercy of Victoria and he contended that the city should be compelled to supply them with water.

Reading from the Act, Mr. Bodwell pointed out that Victoria had the power to supply water to adjacent municipalities, and the question was whether this power was obligatory or permissive. Last year the city strenuously opposed the suggestion that they were obliged to supply water, but they receded from that position and during the conference with the executive their counsel, Mr. Taylor, admitted the obligation. This was where the trouble began, for Mr. Taylor immediately objected.

Mr. Taylor—"I never made any such statement and I would like to have this matter cleared up before the committee.

Mr. Bodwell—"A stenographer was present for the Colonist and took the proceedings down in short hand. It was afterwards published in the paper."

Mr. Taylor—"I am not responsible for what a newspaper reporter says."

Mr. Bodwell replied that the government also had a stenographer present, and he read both accounts, which substantially tallied. He pointed out that the word obligation was used in both. Mr. Taylor insisted that he had never said anything of the kind. He had prepared his argument in advance in writing and had read his statement on that point. Consequently he was sure of what he had said, and there was no chance of a word unintentionally dropped in the course of argument. He had spoken of a moral obligation but not of a legal one. The latter he had never admitted and his own position on this point had been consistent throughout the negotiations.

The discussion was rather warm, and ended by Mr. Bodwell saying that of course he accepted Mr. Taylor's statement but that a contrary impression had been formed by those who heard him.

Mr. Taylor explained to the committee that what he had always and still objected to, was the idea of the corporation of the city of Victoria obligating itself to the municipality. The city had no objection to supplying the individual citizens of Oak Bay. It was doing so now and proposed to continue doing so.

The City's Resolution

Mr. Bodwell then read a resolution passed by the city council on April 6, 1908, which recognized an obligation to supply Oak Bay with water, and also a report from the Hon. Dr. Young, after the meeting referred to, in which he recommended a similar course. Later, on June 18, it was decided that the heads of the agreement be embodied in a concise statement and submitted to the city council by Reeve Oliver of Oak Bay. This was done, but when the draft was submitted to Mr. Taylor as city barrister, he advised the city to have nothing to do with it. This was considered by the Oak Bay people to be an act of repudiation.

Then the Oak Bay municipality went to the executive and secured a reserve in their favor at Sooke Lake, this being the only recourse left.

The word repudiation was strongly objected to by Mr. Taylor and there were several clashes between counsel. Mr. Bodwell said that he did not use the word in an offensive sense but that he knew of no other expression to show what he meant. He maintained that the council and their legal adviser took different stands, with the result that a distinct step backwards was taken.

Lengthy Negotiations

Mr. Bodwell went on to outline the various steps in the negotiations and read a good deal of correspondence with a view of showing that Oak Bay had done all in its power to bring matters to a head, but that the Victoria council had declined any arrangement. He criticised adversely an opinion rendered by Mr. Taylor on the Oak Bay draft agreement, and especially the statement that Oak Bay wished to be put in a better position than the citizens of Victoria. The latter, he said, could go to the courts and by a writ of mandamus compel the water commissioner to do his duty.

Mr. Bodwell then referred to the distribution system being put in by the city, and said that it would probably entail a new system of distribution in Oak Bay, as the new twelve-inch pipe which was being laid to the Oak Bay boundary, carrying a higher pressure, might cause the pipes of the present system to burst. It took time to construct a system. Financial arrangements had to be made, material assembled and the work done. None of this could even be begun until some understanding was arrived at with the city, so the committee could see how vital it was for Oak Bay to have the matter settled at once.

November 2 the city sent an agreement to Oak Bay for signature which counsel described as being fearful and wonderful, an agreement only in name, and which bound the city to nothing. Mr. Bodwell regarded it as a monument of legal ingenuity in the line of purporting to do something and accomplishing nothing. He read the agreement with a running fire of caustic comment.

He also wanted a clause providing that the water be sold to Oak Bay at a reasonable price. At present Victorians pay 5 cents for the first 1,000 gallons with a ten cent rate thereafter. In Oak Bay there was a minimum rate of $1.50 with 30 cents afterwards. This was practically a treble rate.

Attacks City Council.

Mr. Bodwell next paid his respects to the city council of Victoria which he said had been engaged in endless talk about the water question for 15 years, but still had taken no definite steps to get an adequate water supply. The council should be stirred up and obliged to do something. Such an obligation as this would make it necessary for the council to take steps to the great advantage of all concerned. The citizens of Victoria were tired of the constant bickering and the utter incapacity shown by the council to formulate any scheme to get a proper water supply.

Mayr Hall got visibly indignant at this attack and rose to remark that Oak Bay was working in with the Esquimalt Water Works Co. in an effort to coerce the city.

Mr. Oliver characterized this as an impertinent observation, but the Mayor persisted in his stand, saying that Mr. Bodwell was prompted in his action by the Esquimalt Water Works Co. Mr. Bodwell strongly resented this, saying that he was not representing nor was he interested in the Esquimalt company, and that if there were any parliamentary substitute for the word falsehood he would like to be understood as employing it. It was nothing to him where the city went so long as they got plenty of water. This could be got from Goldstream if the city went about it properly.

Mr. Taylor's Challenge.

Mr. Taylor challenged the assertion and offered to forfeit $50 to each of the city hospitals if an examination of the books of the B. C. Electric did not show that Goldstream went down to four million gallons per day last summer. Mr. Bodwell refused to take up the challenge, but said that he understood on good authority that the average flow per diem last year was 15 million gallons, while with development now being made the average flow would be 18 million gallons. Victoria could not use more than 6 million gallons per day no matter how wasteful the citizens were, so there was an ample margin.

The question of Oak Bay getting its water from the Esquimalt company came up, and Mr. Bodwell said that his clients would be very glad to get an opportunity of dealing with a businesslike corporation instead of the council. But to do this Victoria must concede a statutory right to lay mains through the city streets. This Mr. Taylor would not concede.

Concluding Mr. Bodwell said that all his clients wanted was that the city should be legally obliged to supply them with water. The C. P. R. got its water for its hotel for nothing, reduced rates were made to factories and other large consumers of water, and here was Oak Bay which took more water than any of them obliged to pay three times the ordinary retail rates. He thought that Oak Bay ought to get water for 6 cents a thousand gallons. Mr. Raymur said that it cost 14 cents to deliver it to Oak Bay. In that case Mr. Bodwell invited attention to the London Water Act under which the proportion of water used was compared with the total supply, and four per cent interest on that proportion of the total cost charged. Such an arrangement would be satisfactory to Oak Bay.

Mr. Taylor Replies.

Replying to Mr. Bodwell, Mr. Taylor said that misleading statements calculated to create a false impression on the committee had been made. He said in part:

"Victoria has not got all the water within 20 miles. It has only got the right to acquire it. Consequently the city is not entitled to negotiate to sell water except so far as that water has been taken up. Again, there are two kinds of duties, conditional and absolute. The water commissioner's is conditional, because it would be impossible for him to supply any water unless the citizens voted the money. You cannot suppose that the legislature has passed such inane legislation as suggested."

Reading the act he said the commissioner's duty was to consider, decide and adopt the best methods available. He admitted that the water from Elk lake was insufficient, but in the meantime Oak Bay was getting her full share, while Victoria was casting around trying to make the best arrangements. Victoria had offered to put Oak Bay into the act and so put them on the same footing as their own citizens.

Mr. Oliver did not remember the offer, but Mr. Taylor said he had made it last year and repeated it now. He pointed out that Victoria was bearing the burden of debt as a reason why Oak Bay should be higher and characterized the Oak Bay application as an attempt to compel Victoria to finance a water system for them without a dollar's expense to Oak Bay.

"We want to give Oak Bay a fair quantity of water on fair terms, and we are so doing. But so long as the council of Victoria takes my advice, it will not agree to supply Oak Bay with a stated quantity of water in bulk under all circumstances," said Mr. Taylor.

He then took up the much critized agreement and defended its fairness to Oak Bay. In fact it was so favorable that had he seen the agreement in time he would not have advised the city to sign it. As it read, it left practically everything to arbitration.

Unfair Attitude Taken.

"We are not met frankly. We are approached in a carping spirit. Only today has Mr. Bodwell most unfairly and severely arraigned the city council, and yet what ground have they for this bitter opposition? They are merely trying to hold us up. Victoria will not make any such arrangement as they ask for, and this committee will not try to force them to do so, though we are willing to adopt the chairman's suggestion of going before the executive. We recognize that the Oak Bay people are practically Victorians and we are quite willing to take good care of them, but we will not be tied down. Even if you do impose the statutory duty upon the city, you cannot compel the citizens to vote the necessary money to perform that duty."

Mr. Oliver remarked that it was very nice of Mr. Taylor to talk of taking care of Oak Bay, but he wanted an agreement in black and white to that effect.

A general argument again ensued, during which the arguments already advanced were gone over again, the result of it all being that Mr. Taylor repeated his offer to have the words Oak Bay and South Saanich inserted in the Victoria Water Works Act after the word Victoria, thus putting the inhabitants of those municipalities on the same footing as Victoria so far as the right to water is concerned. It was arranged that Mr. Bodwell should look through the act and draft such changes as might be necessary to make the alterations consistent through the act, and submit the draft to him.

The committee then adjourned not sorry to see the last of the Victoria water question for the current session. The same people were there who were present at the previous sssion.

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Band Concert

At their concert to be given next Sunday evening in the Victoria Theatre, the Victoria Concert Band will play excerpts from the operas that were given last week by the Lambardi Opera company.

B. C. Soap Works to Enlarge Plant

Owing to increasing demand for White Swan Soap and Washing Powder, the B. C. Soap Works are contemplating large additions to their present factory. These additions will enable the company to increase its output in all lines.

It was only a short time ago when the Soap Works had to erect buildings for the manufacture of their Lime and Sulphur Solution for tree spraying, and which has been found too small to meet the heavy demand. When these additions are made there will be no difficulty in meeting the increased trade, which will also mean the employment of more help. At present the works are working to their full capacity.

NO DEFINITE ACTION

City Council Deals With Power Proposition in Secret Session

The proposition recently made to the city council by A. T. Goward, local manager of the B. C. Electric company, relative to the power matter, was discussed at a special meeting of the council held last evening. City Barrister Taylor was present and the legal phase of the matter was fully gone into. The press representatives were excluded from the meeting, but after the session concluded it was stated that no definite action had been taken and that another meeting will be held. One of the points considered was whether the council possesses the right to accept the company's offer or whether it will be necessary to submit the matter to the ratepayers. Mr. Goward, when making the proposition to the council, urged prompt action, so that advantage could be taken of the fact that the legislature is now in session.

It was decided to call for tenders for lumber and paving blocks. The tender for such supplies was awarded a short time ago to the Taylor Mill company, but that concern took objections to the terms of the contract and refused to sign it. As a result the city will call for new tenders, which must be in by 4 o'clock on Monday next.

CANADIAN CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Large and Enthusiastic Attendance at Annual Meeting Last Evening

The adoption of a number of reports, the election of officers, the consideration of various suggestions in the line of instructive entertainment for the ensuing season, and a prolonged discussion on innumerable points of order were the features of the annual meeting of the Canadian club which was held last evening at the City hall. There was a large attendance. At the outset the chair was occupied by Judge Lampman but, on the appointment to that office of A. E. McPhillips, K.C., M.P.P., for the present term, the former gracefully retired in favor of the latter, who was received with cheers. Throughout the proceedings were marked by enthusiasm. This was especially so in the early part of the evening and although the same was maintained until the conclusion the extended and rather aimless debate over what appeared to many to be irrevevent points caused considerable dragging and the final rushing of business to an adjournment. Among those in attendance were the following: H. D. Helmcken, K.C., W. Blakemore, A. E. McPhillips, K.C., M.P.P., W E. Gleason, W. Jensen, C. Dubois Mason, D. B. McLaren, H. Gordon, A. E. Starr, W. J. Hanna, G. McCandless, W. J. Coleman, A. B. McNeil, J. A. Peirson, Canon Beanlands, A. W. McCurdy and J. Forman.

Annual Report

After the usual routine, reports were submitted by Frank I. Clarke, the secretary-treasurer, as follows:

During the past year the club has accomplished some good work in the interests of Canadian citizenship and in submitting our annual report your executive have pleasure in congratulating the members on the success which has crowned their efforts.

The club ends its second year with a total membership of three hundred and forty-one, a gain of eight-five paid up members over last year.

Your executive held eight regular meetings, which were well attended. Several informal meetings and meetings of sub-committees were also held.

The following guests were entertained by the club:

Sir Edgar Vincent, K.C.M.G., who delivered an address on "Imperialism."

Mr. A. J. Dawson—"The Standard of Empire."

Mackenzie King, C.M.G.—"The Quebec Tercentenary."

Professor J. Murray McGregor—"Japan."

Mr. Robert Mantell—"Shakespeare and His Plays."

Lt. Gen. Sir Reginald Pole-Carew, K.C.B., C.V.O.—"The Needs of the Empire."

Mr. Hamar Greenwood, M.P.—"Problems of Empire."

Mr. Moreton Frewen, B.A.—"The Silver Question."

Mr. D. D. Mann—"The Canadian Northern Railway."

All of these luncheons were well attended and the addresses thoroughly enjoyed. Invitations were extended to Thos. Edison, the inventor; Lord Milner, C. M. Hays, president of the G. T. P.; Mr. Milward, managing director of the Pacific Coast Cable company; B. E. Walker, general manager Canadian Bank of Commerce, and D. R. Wilkie, general manager of the Imperial Bank of Canada, but their arrangements would not permit their acceptance of the club's hospitality.

The club held a successful Business Luncheon at which Mr. W. J. Dowler's patriotic composition, "A Song of Freedom" was sung by Mr. Gideon Hicks to an air composed by Mr. George Werner. The members present expressed their hearty approval and satisfaction and commended the song to the favorable consideration of the National Battlefields commission.

One of the most successful and pleasing events of the year was the celebration of the anniversary of the surrender of General Cronje at Paardeberg, by a luncheon held in the Empress hotel, on Feb. 27, at which over one hundred veterans of the South African campaign were the guests of the club. Hon. D. M. Eberts, K.C., Speaker of legislature of British Co-Columbia delivered a patriotic address which roused the enthusiasm of the large gathering of members and invited guests.

The committee appointed in 1907 to take action towards securing the use of a British uniform by the city police force were successful in their efforts, and we are pleased to inform you that the police of Victoria are now equipped with the neat and serviceable pattern of uniform worn by the police of Great Britain and the eastern provinces of Canada.

In answer to the appeal of the National Battlefields commission your executive opened subscription lists which were placed in Hibben & Co.'s and the Victoria Book and Stationery Co.'s stores. The amount subscribed by individual members was supplemented by $100 voted by the club, and the total sum, $136, was duly forwarded to the treasurer of the Quebec Battlefields association at Ottawa.

Your executive have had considerable difficulty in securing a suitable room in which to hold the luncheons. The Poodle Dog and the Balmoral dining rooms were found to be too small, and in the case of the latter, the management found it impossible to accommodate the club without inconveniencing the regular patrons of the hotel. The Driard has ample room but will not provide luncheons for less than 75c per plate. It has been suggested that there is a good opening in Victoria for a centrally located hall with a kitchen and dining room in connection which would be available for public meetings, concerts, lectures, dances and other entertainments and we recommend that our successors should take this matter into consideration and endeavor to enlist capital in such a scheme.

It is our sad duty to record the death of one of our members, Capt. J. G. Cox, who took an active interest in the club, and whose loss was keenly felt by his fellow members as well as by citizens of Victoria generally.

We cannot close this report without expressing our thanks and appreciation of many acts of courtesy extended to the club by sister clubs in other parts of the Dominion.

The financial statement shows a satisfactory amount to the credit of the club.

P. S. LAMPMAN, Pres. F. I. CLARKE, Sec.-Treas.

Financial statement for the year ending Feb. 4, 1909:

Receipts

Cash balance from last year	$169.69
Members' fees	614.00
Lunch tickets sold	558.00
	$1,341.69

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THE BUDGET SPEECH.

We congratulate Captain Tatlow, Minister of Finance and Agriculture, upon his excellent budget speech. The showing he was able to make is highly satisfactory. We publish his remarks in full and ask for them the careful consideration of all readers. It is a businesslike statement and every person who has an interest in the progress of British Columbia ought to give it consideration. It is a story of wonderful progress. Perhaps we are not stating the case too strongly when we say that no province in Canada, and perhaps no country in the world, can show a more gratifying exhibition of advancement. It is true that in his review of the business conditions of the past year the Minister was not able always to speak of a gain over the previous year, but these fluctuations are bound to occur. Certain of the industries of British Columbia are dependent to a large degree upon conditions which are extra-provincial. These must fluctuate as business the world over rises or falls. But of those spheres of activity, which are wholly local in their scope, there was only one story to tell and that was of steady and rapid growth. Even if the fluctuating industries are taken into account and a comparison is made covering more than two years, the same splendid expansion is evident. In his anticipations for the future the Minister was able to express great hopefulness in regard to every line, and we are glad to be able to say that in so doing he voiced what seems to be the sentiment of all persons who are able to form an idea of the trend of events.

One of the matters touched upon by the Minister was the tenure of timber holdings. There is perhaps no one line of policy of greater importance or calling for more careful consideration than this. The timber wealth of British Columbia is an all-important factor in its future development. It must be conserved. If it is possible to devise a plan whereby this preservation can be brought about without unduly restricting the utilization of our forests, very great good will be accomplished. We are of the opinion that the true interests of the trade and of the public are identical in this respect.

The agricultural industry in all its phases seems to be in a very healthy condition, and Captain Tatlow was careful to point out what an enormous demand in the home market is yet to be supplied. Without saying so explicitly he conveyed the impression, which is undoubtedly correct, that there is no reasonable ground for thinking that any possible expansion of production in dairy products, poultry products, fruits and vegetables can keep pace with the growing home demand, without taking into account the outside markets which are available. In this connection it was satisfactory to be told that the experiments in fruit growing along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific have passed the doubtful stage, and that this industry is adapted to that part of the province

Concerning the receipts of the public treasury, the Minister had not very much to say, which would not occur to those who have carefully examined the financial statement themselves, for there is in point of fact very little to be said. The sources from which revenue are derived are constant, and the increases or decreases are matters which are not greatly affected by anything done by the government from year to year. The policy of issuing timber licenses has proved a great financial success, and this was inaugurated in its existing form by the present administration. There has been a reduction of what may be called the direct tax, and the Minister was able to assure the House of his hope that a further reduction will be possible next year. The total receipts during the coming year, which begins on April 1st instead of July 1st, are estimated at upwards of $6,000,000 and the expenditure at considerably less. The position taken by the Minister in regard to the large surplus on hand is, we think, sound. It would be a mistake to draw upon this too freely, but the policy ought rather to be to increase it in view of the demands certain to be made upon the exchequer in connection with the development of New British Columbia. We are in accord with the Minister when he says that it is more judicious to keep the money on hand than to employ it in reduction of the public debt. That debt has already been substantially reduced, and as any money held by the bank for the province earns interest at 3 per cent, it unquestionably seems wiser to keep the money where the interest will meet the charge upon a corresponding amount of the debt than pay off the debt and possibly have to borrow money again to meet the needs of a rapidly growing province. A very large sum is to be spent in public works next year, and as settlement in the newly opened parts of the province progresses, there will be further and larger demands of this nature. It is much wiser to keep the money against such emergencies than to employ it in paying off the public indebtedness.

We congratulate Captain Tatlow not only upon the substance of his speech, but upon the lucid manner in which he stated his various propositions to the House. We congratulate the government upon his being able to make such an excellent showing. We congratulate the House upon the admirable results which have followed from the policies that it has endorsed during the past five or six years, and we congratulate the province upon the admirable position in which it stands and upon its splendid prospects for the future.

THE ORIENTAL QUESTION—II

Yesterday we dealt with the Oriental question in general terms, endeavoring to show that it was no ephemeral matter and something more serious than a mere vote-catching expedient. In this article we shall try to present some of what we regard as the dominant factors in it. The first of these is that the population of Japan is something like 40,000,000 and is increasing at the rate of, approximately, 1,000,000 a year. The second is that through the introduction of Occidental civilization, the cost of living in Japan is increasing, not very rapidly it is true, yet steadily, and the circle in which that increase is felt is continually widening. We are not of those who anticipate that before many years the millions of Japan will become a wheat and meat eating race. The process will take a long time, but there has already been a marked appreciation in the wages paid for certain kinds of labor, and this means better living. This increasing and better living population cannot be expected to remain content within the restricted borders of their own land. History will simply repeat itself. The surplus population must find room somewhere. In a conversation which a representative of the Colonist was privileged to have with Prince, then Marquis, Ito, several years ago, this aspect of the future of Japan was touched upon, and that distinguished statesman, who perhaps more than any other individual contributed to give his country the impetus which has so greatly influenced its recent history, conceded the need of Japan for room for expansion, but expressed the opinion that scope would be found for it in Asia. The policy which he has since adopted in respect to Korea shows that this was more on his part than a mere passing expression of opinion. But the Japanese does not want to go to Asia, if he can avoid it. He has, as a rule, only one thing to sell and that is his labor, and he naturally wants to sell it in the best market. America is the best market, and the opportunities for him are greater in Canada than anywhere else. The doors of Mexico and South America may be open to him, but the rate of wages there is not so much better than what he can earn at home that he has any very keen desire to go there. On this point the recent attempt to deport the Hindus from British Columbia to Honduras shed a useful light. So far we have spoken only of Japan, but what is true of that country is true also of China. The microbe of Occidental unrest has pentrated the Yellow Kingdom, and there are millions of Chinese who are desirous of selling their labor in the best market. Canada attempted to keep them out by a head tax of $500; but hundreds of Chinese find it profitable to pledge their future labor in order to obtain the money with which to pay that tax and enter Canada. In the fiscal year ending June 30, 1908, British Columbia received $345,000 as her proportion of the head tax, which means that 1,380 Chinese entered the Dominion during that year and paid the tax. This number was a great increase upon any previous year since the imposition of the high tax, and it is safe to assume that, if it were not for stringent legislation in force in this province restricting the scope of labor available to Orientals, the number would be very much greater. When there was little or no restriction upon the influx of Japanese, they came into the country by shiploads. Recently the Colonist enjoyed a call from a highly educated and wealthy Japanese, who spoke in the freest possible way of the desire of his countrymen to migrate to Canada, a country which he said is eminently fitted for them, and he expressed the hope that the Dominion government would after a time be able to see its way clear to permit of the establishment of Japanese colonies in the Prairie Provinces. He discussed the various aspects of the case quite freely, admitted the difficulty in the way of an amalgamation of the European and Japanese races, and claimed, what we look upon as a very important thing, that the Japanese would acquire, if permitted, all the rights of citizenship and expect to have a voice in determining the policy of the country. Naturally he said that they would become good British subjects, but there are some of us who would prefer not to take any chances on that point.

The feature of the case, which we wish to bring out in this article, is that the Oriental movement has its origin in conditions which we are powerless to change. Agreements between statesmen are as nothing when the question to be solved is how millions of people shall get employment. A hungry race will go where there is food to be obtained. A week or so ago, the Board of Trade had before it a representation from Nanaimo pointing out that the Japanese fishermen were driving out white men, and yesterday the Finance Minister in his budget speech referred to the same matter. This is a straw, and by no means a small one, which shows the way the wind is blowing. We have been told that the fisheries are the nurseries of our seamen. If this is the case British Columbia is in a fair way of nursing only Japanese seamen, a consummation not to be regarded with equanimity in view of what is transpiring elsewhere on the Pacific Ocean. We have seen since yesterday indications that some of the Eastern newspapers are beginning to look at this matter a little seriously. If they will continue to do so, if they will make a study of it, they will see that it is against no imaginary danger that we advise Canada and the Empire to be on guard. We add that we are not now anticipating any early attempt on the part of Japan to force her people upon the other lands surrounding the Pacific. We are not just now looking at the question from a naval or military point of view, but only as it seems to us to appear as an irrepressible racial movement. There is no use in crying Peace where there is no peace. The movement of the Orientals is as certain as was that of the Teutons fifteen centuries or more ago. The thing we have to consider is how we shall meet it. The question is not political; it is racial. It has no bearing upon the welfare of any particular party in Canada, but goes to the well-being of the British Empire. It must be studied apart altogether from personal considerations. Fortunately no election is pending, and it ought to be possible to deal with it without indulging in any exhibition of rancor. The leaders of Japanese thought are thinking of it. Every man who has investigated the Orient on the ground has sounded a note of warning. We add once more that the view we are urging implies no hostility to Japan. That nation is as powerless to prevent the progress of the Oriental movement as we are. The thing to be done is to, devise means whereby the British race in North America and Australia can hold its own.

Speaking of weather, are you reading the reports of conditions in the eastern portion of the continent? You will appreciate the climate of Victoria and Vancouver Island better if you do.

Semi-official denials to the contrary notwithstanding, it is clear that an "Army of Empire" is in process of formation. The firm of John Bull & Sons evidently does not intend to go out of business just yet a while.

From certain information printed in our shipping columns yesterday, it would appear that the affairs of the Marine Hospital, maintained by the Dominion government on the Indian Reserve, will bear looking into. If the facts are as alleged, the shipping interests and the Board of Trade should take the matter up with the Ottawa authorities.

Civil Service employees in Western Canada have decided to ask the Dominion government for an increase in pay. We have some sympathy with this request. It is notorious that the cost of living has increased very materially in the last few years, and if we are to have honest service from our public servants we must be prepared to see them paid a living wage.

The Railway Commission is a body apparently much dreaded by transportation companies. Fast on the heels of the announcement that it will sit here shortly comes the news that the railways and express companies doing business in British Columbia will grant concessions which will remove all the grievances of the fruit growers. It is the case of Davy Crockett and the coon.

Another proof that a multitude of people will visit Seattle this year during the period of the Alaskan-Yukon-Pacific exposition, is furnished in the announcement that the Canadian Pacific Railway will run three trains daily from Montreal to the coast. With its fine fleet of steamers, the C.P.R. is in a splendid position to handle a large proportion of the passenger traffic, arising out of the great Fair.

It is officially announced that the Empress hotel in this city will be enlarged by the addition of another wing, the work to commence in October next. The success which has attended the operation of this splendid hostelry is not more gratifying to the Canadian Pacific Railway, we are sure, than to the people of Victoria, who now have very properly, come to regard it as one of the city's chief assets.

The bill requiring all ocean-going ships carrying five hundred or more passengers to be equipped with wireless telegraph apparatus has passed the United States House of Representatives. The measure is one which all other governments will no doubt shortly enact also. It required the mishap to the steamship Republic to illustrate the advantages of wireless telegraphy in preventing disasters at sea, and the United States government is to be commended for having so promptly profited by the lesson thus taught.

A Dawson merchant, interviewed at Vancouver, expressed the opinion that the coming season would usher in another period of great activity in the Yukon country. A greatly increased gold production is anticipated. Apart from the gigantic operations of the Guggenheims, there is a great deal of individual mining going on. This is a very gratifying announcement. Apparently Northern British Columbia and the Yukon, as well as Vancouver Island, are going to have a prosperous season during 1909.

Mr. Bowser's speech in the Legislature on Tuesday, explanatory of the working of the Provincial Reformatory, will, we think, be generally admitted to have been eminently interesting and satisfactory. It is very gratifying to know in this authoritative way that the juvenile offenders in this province are receiving the very best of care and training so as to achieve the maximum of result in the effort to lead them back into the paths of rectitude. The institution will hereafter be known as an "Industrial School," instead of "Reformatory." We heartily approve of the change of name.

It is in a sense unfortunate that in reporting the proceedings of the Orangemen, some matters were mentioned which are greatly calculated to hurt the feelings of some of our Roman Catholic fellow citizens; but a newspaper has to choose between not reporting at all and reporting what is said at such meetings. If expressions upon which the Orangemen lay stress were eliminated, they would have cause to complain. We print a letter from Mr. S. Perry Mills, in which he protests against imputatation against the loyalty of his fellow-churchmen, but surely this is a subject upon which it is not necessary to say anything.

It is said that silver deposits exist in paying quantities all the way from Cobalt to a point off Fort William, that Mackenzie and Mann have secured many claims, and that this is one reason why C.N.R. construction will be pushed rapidly this summer in that direction. If there is anything in the way of natural resources that Canada has not got in a superlative degree, we should like to be informed of it. But is not this announcement but another illustration of what a wonderful heritage has fallen to those who are citizens of the Dominion of Canada today. We have room for millions of people and potential wealth to make them happy and prosperous.

It is perhaps correct to say that the relations between the United States and Great Britain have never been more friendly in the history of the two Powers. War between the two countries is now universally admitted to be an unthinkable contingency, and, therefore, the remarks of Lord Lansdowne, who spoke on behalf of the opposition in the course of the debate in the House of Lords on the King's speech, are timely and to the point. He said: "I rejoice that first place has been given to our relations with the United States. That is the power of all others where it would be intolerable should non-removable causes of friction have the effect of estranging, for is there any power we would more gladly cooperate with in showing other countries that it shall never be beyond the powers of two great nations to find an amicable means of removing the sources of international friction and difficulties."

We had a paragraph recently to the effect that many of British newspapers print details of certain police court cases which would never be made public by any respectable newspaper in Canada, and by a coincidence we find the Montreal Gazette taking almost a similar view. In the issue just to hand it says: "The Lord Chief Justice of England has been speaking in condemnation of the English newspapers, which report the evidence of divorce cases and indulge in other means to secure readers without regard to what it is well or wholesome to set before the public. The idea that the yellow newspaper is peculiar to America is not as well founded as it might be. England has the best newspapers in the world, and with them some that for readiness to magnify and distort for the sake of sensation have no superiors in their art. These latter regularly print things that would startle the readers of the ordinary Canadian newspaper, and deserve most that is said in their condemnation by men who have a sense of the fitness of things."

Everyone will be in hearty sympathy with the movement now afoot in this city to arrange that boys employed as messengers shall not be sent to places where they are brought in touch with evil influences, and we are glad to know that the Attorney-General has promised to give the matter of enacting special legislation to meet the case his careful consideration. But it occurs to us that the Chief of Police could do much to remedy the evil. The places which exist in this city which are a menace to messenger boys if the latter are sent there, are, in a very special way, under his supervision. If the Chief were to intimate that hereafter boys of tender years were not to be permitted on the premises on any pretext, we fancy the hint would be promptly obeyed. It is a monstrous thing that mere children, who are forced to earn a livelihood in any way they can, should be called upon to visit places in the city which have no legal right to exist at all. If the Chief were to see the head of the Messenger service and instruct him that he must not have boys answer calls from certain places or be sent there, this would be another step in the direction of remedying the matter.

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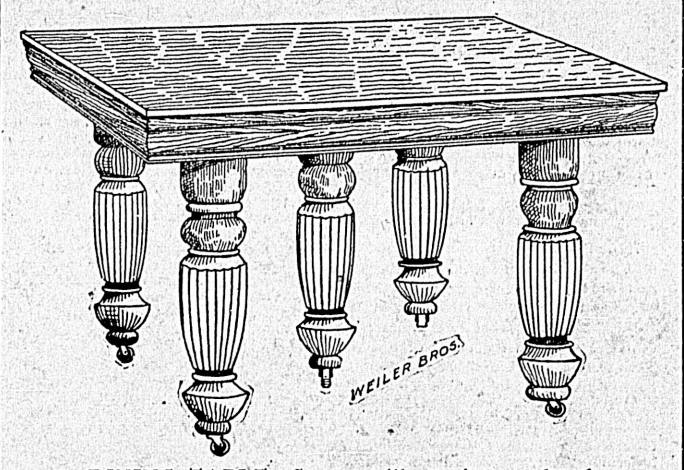

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FORTY YEARS AGO

The British Colonist, Thursday, Feb. 18, 1869.

Legislative Council—Yesterday Mr. Walkem introduced an ordinance to amend the procedure in civil cases; an ordinance to amend the law of partnerships; the companies' ordinance No. 1869. They were severally read a first time. The Harewood Colliery Company Extension Bill was read a third time and passed. The Reconveyance Ordinance was also read a third time and passed. The great debate of the session, the consideration of confederation with Canada then arose and occupied the House until half-past seven o'clock in the evening. Many long speeches were made but none of a very brilliant character. The vote on Dr. Davie's resolution resulted in it being carried—11 ayes; 5 noes. By this the council expressed its opinion that Confederation is neither practicable or desirable at present. A number of strangers were present to hear the debate. The council stands adjourned to 1 p.m. today.

The Canadian News of Jan. 7th says: "The recent rumors to the effect that it is proposed to hand over to the United States in the settlement to the Alabama claims, the Island of San Juan have not unnaturally caused some uneasiness in the minds of those interested in the future of British North America, and we are pleased therefore, to learn that the Canadian ministers now in this country, Sir George E. Cartier, Bart, and the Hon. William McDougall, have in view of the proximate union of the Province of British Columbia with the Dominion of Canada, formerly communicated with the Imperial government on the subject of the present aspect of the San Juan question.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Sir John Rhys referred to a curious superstition about the unluckiness of white stones at the sitting of the Royal Commission on Ancient Monuments in Wales recently. It seems to be a Celtic superstition, for it is found also in the Isle of Man and in the North of Scotland. Fishermen will not take a white stone with them in the boat among the ballast. If they do so, they say, they are certain to have a bad catch. A young man who for curiosity, went out with a Manx fleet for several days in succession, was called by the fishermen a "clagh vane"—that is, white stone—as bringing bad luck. The most learned folk-lorists know of no explanation of this idea, but it is supposed to be connected with the custom known in Wales and the Isle of Man, of marking graves with white stones. The fisher folk of Inverary are said to do so. The graves of the stone age are sometimes found to contain pieces of quartz. There are many other fishermen's superstitions, such as that it is unlucky to mention a clergyman when out at sea, or to lend salt from one boat to another when fishing.

Principal Fairbairn, of Mansfield College, Oxford, whose resignation is to take effect at Easter, comes, says "M. A. P.," of a family who has given Dissenters twelve ministers in two generations. A miller's son, born just over seventy years ago on the other side of the Tweed, he found his first congregation among farmers and miners at Bathgate, West Lothian. In those days, it is said of him, he rose every morning at half-past five for the purpose of study. He had a consuming passion for reading. His first book he found one afternoon while walking along Princess street, Edinburgh. In an area below the street an auction was taking place. The auctioneer was holding up a copy of Robertson's History of Greece, but there was no demand for it, and the auctioneer's eagerness to sell prompted Andrew Fairbairn to offer the whole of his capital, which amounted to threepence. When the book was knocked down to him young Fairbairn ran up the street, and did not stop running until he was home again. He read this book through, and he has been reading and writing books ever since.

BRITISH OPINION

The Morning Post says:—It is to be hoped that public attention will continue to be directed to the consideration of British interests in the Middle East. The question which must be settled by this country is the question whether the two Powers, Russia and Great Britain should now intervene and force upon Persia measures which they hops may bring about her regeneration, or whether they should confine themselves to benevolent desires and leave Persia to regenerate herself.

The Daily Telegraph says:—This is the extraordinary year of anniversaries, and we doubt whether its rival in that kind of distinction can be named. Apart from the more incidental recollections with which the calendar is crowded, there is an astonishing series of full centenaries to be celebrated. An annus mirabilis of great births was the year 1809. If several of the famous figures it brought forth had never appeared the course of history might have been altered, and it is at least certain that the attitude of the human mind would have been very different from what we know. For a long time have looked forward to the present unique year of remembrance, and some apprehension has been expressed lest it should bequeath to posterity no achievement of its own, in consequence of devoting so much of its time and thought to the just praise of genius cradled a hundred years before. These are unnecessary fears. Reflections upon the past has always been a means of enabling mankind more excellently to serve the future. As a rule, one very great man, by his influence upon his contemporaries and upon the imagination of posterity, makes many others capable of higher things than they could otherwise have attained. How can we be more effectually spurred to make progress in aeronautics, for instance, than by recollecting what civilization has owed to this island and its inventors in every field of scientific and technical achievement? For these and other reasons it is certain that we could not be more profitably employed than in endeavoring to realize the significance of the events which the calendar for 1909 bids us to commemorate.

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ELECTION DEALS CHARGED IN HOUSE

Liberal and Socialist Members Insist on Inquiry at Revelstoke

When the Attorney-General's bill to amend the Provincial Elections Act was taken up by the Committee of the Whole yesterday, it precipitated another controversy even more spirited than that which greeted the second reading of the bill. Charges of corruption in connection with the registering of voters were freely made by Opposition members, and the leader of the Socialist party in the House made the charge that the Liberal and Conservative parties in the province were in league to down the workingmen.

The debate arose over certain amendments to the bill which appeared on the order sheet under the name of Mr. Macdonald (Rossland). With a view, as he said, to instructing the various registrars of voters in the province as to their duties and giving them a definite interpretation of the act, Mr. Macdonald wished a clause to be added to the bill giving the following grounds for objection to names on the list:

"That the person objected to is dead; that he ceased for a period of one year next before the holding of the court, to reside in such electoral district; that he is not, under the provisions of the act, qualified to vote; that he was not so qualified when his name was placed on the register of voters."

The Attorney-General opposed this amendment on the ground that it would be impossible to prove that a man had been out of the district for any definite time. The list, he said, would be as bad as ever if this amendment was incorporated in the bill.

Trouble speedily followed. First the member for Delta, cited cases of alleged illegal conduct on the part of registrars, and then Mr. Macdonald (Rossland), sprung a sensation by producing a copy of the Revelstoke Observer, which contained the statement that 250 names had been removed from the list at Revelstoke prior to the last Dominion election. The Attorney-General was pressed by Opposition members to take this up. Then the new Minister of Public Works stepped in to defend the Revelstoke registrar.

More trouble then. Mr. Taylor happened to say that the names to be stricken from the Revelstoke list had been submitted to the secretary of the Liberal Association in that city before action had been taken. This statement was seized by Mr. Hawthornthwaite and taken to be an admission of collusion of the two great parties to keep the Socialists out.

The Comox-Atlin Affair

There was recrimination of sorts, and finally Mr. Hawthornthwaite pointed to the recent Comox-Atlin "deal" as further proof of the collusion between Liberals and Conservatives.

When the debate had wandered far afield, the Attorney-General moved that the committee rise, until he might redraft the offending section. He promised to investigate the various cases that had been brought to his attention.

When Mr. Bowser stated his objection to Mr. Macdonald's amendment, the member for Nanaimo asked what guarantee there was that the registrars would keep worthy names on the list. Mr. Bowser replied that the registrars of voters in this province are honest, non-partisan men. Then Mr. Oliver (Delta), declared that he had brought to the attention of the Attorney-General some time ago a case in New Westminster where the registrar had removed names from the list at the request of the electors themselves, and then put them on again without notice.

Mr. Bowser stated that no harm had been done in this case if nobody had been disfranchised. At the same time he would obtain a report from the registrar and make an investigation.

Mr. Henderson (Yale), said that the practice was general throughout the province.

Mr. Oliver said that nobody had a right to falsify the voters' list. Year after year, complaints had been made in the House. Mr. Bowser asked why these complaints had not been made to him?

Mr. Oliver, "Because I have no confidence in you."

Mr. Hawthornthwaite (Nanaimo), said that in his district many names had been struck from the list for the reason that these electors were thought to be Socialists. It was useless to bring charges when the elections were over, when the men had lost their votes. When Mr. Bowser disagreed with this attitude, the member for Nanaimo said that it was impossible to prove the various cases.

The Revelstoke List

Here Mr. Macdonald brought up the Revelstoke matter. Producing a copy of the Revelstoke Observer he showed an article therein which told of 250 names being removed from the list prior to the Dominion election. Some of the men had, he said, been in the constituency for twenty years.

Mr. Bowser said that this was the first intimation he had had of this occurrence. He said that if the leader of the Opposition would give him the paper he would look into the matter and obtain a report from the registrar at Revelstoke.

The Minister of Works, who had been out of the chamber when the Revelstoke matter came up, happened back about now, and stood up to explain the incident referred to. He said that under the Elections Act some 240 names had been removed from the list in Revelstoke in the ordinary way. Before this action was taken the list had been submitted to the secretary of the Liberal Association and had been approved by him. This could be substantiated by affidavits. By error the names of some three gentlemen had been left off when the list was being transmitted to Victoria for printing. These the registrar had placed on the list again.

"As regards the sheet I have in my hand," continued Mr. Taylor, glancing vindictively at the copy of the Revelstoke Observer which had been passed to him, "anybody who looks into it can see that it is only a campaign sheet started for the purpose of injuring me in my campaign, and circulating articles of such a character that had it been worth while I could have taken very serious action against it. The paper has been thoroughly discredited."

In reply to a question by the member for Nanaimo, Mr. Taylor said the names had been struck off at the sitting of the court of revision in November last. Asked by Mr. Macdonald whether the names had been struck from the list in open court, Mr. Taylor said that he understood it had been done in court. Although he had not been present he could appreciate that no registrar would take the responsibility upon himself.

Charge of Collusion

Then Mr. Hawthornthwaite brought up the charge of collusion between the two great political parties. He said that the minister had made a very important statement. He said that the names had been stricken from the list after being submitted to the head of the Liberal Association. Mr. Hawthornthwaite produced a circular that had been sent around by Mr. Taylor during his campaign stating that both parties were agreed that there should be no opposition, and mentioning the name of the leader of the opposition.

"I am sure," said Mr. Hawthornthwaite, "that 99 per cent. of the names stricken from the list were the names of workingmen. The babble of the Hon. Minister is a further evidence of an agreement between his party and the Liberals so that if the workingmen put up a candidate they would be sure of defeat. The Victoria Times has spoken a great deal about Conservative-Socialist deals, but here we have a deliberate agreement arranged between the Conservative and Liberal parties to secure the election of minister of public works. I intend this session to bring down a bill dealing with this matter myself. The workingmen in this province are being driven out during elections by the pressure of the corporations. They are being disfranchised on every side. But for passing certain labor legislation the McBride government would not be in power today. If it goes out that these two parties are working together to elect a Crown Minister, I can promise the government a short tenure of power and the sooner the better in the interests of the province."

Mr. Macdonald intervened to state that he had come to no agreement with the Conservatives in the Revelstoke election. He had discountenanced placing a Liberal candidate in the field, for the reason that there was no chance of success. In the same way he had advised placing a Liberal candidate against Mr. Hawthornthwaite in Nanaimo at the recent bye-election. Yet he could hardly be charged with entering into an agreement with the Socialist party.

Mr. Taylor tried to explain his former statement. The Liberal Association had, he said, access to the list. For that matter so had the Socialist party. Pressed by Mr. Hawthornthwaite, he would not say whether the list had been actually submitted to the Liberals or not. Here the member for Nanaimo accused him of "quibbling" and "side-stepping."

Comox-Atlin Mentioned

Mr. Macdonald stated that Mr. Taylor has stated plainly that the list had been submitted to the secretary of the Liberal Association.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite: "No further proof is necessary of the absolute corruption that exists in connection with these lists. Prior to this we had no actual proof, but now we have the definite statement of a minister.

"There have been instances often enough of collusion in certain constituencies. The recent Comox-Atlin deal was a good example of this. I believe that that matter was arranged by the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. The two parties followed suit. Whoever was responsible for that deal, the Conservative party placed itself in as awkward a position as the Liberal party did at Revelstoke."

Mr. Oliver (Delta) joined the debate here. He said that the minister of public works had made a slip of the tongue, and pointed to a similar slip made by the member for Nanaimo. He pointed out that the names were stricken off to influence the Dominion election and not the provincial bye-election.

Mr. Williams (Newcastle) said that the member for Delta was trying to cover up the tracks of the government. He said that Liberal and Conservatives had found a common enemy in the Socialists. The Socialist candidate at Revelstoke had lost his deposit. In view of the revelations just made the government should return him this money.

Mr. Taylor explained that the lists had been padded. They had contained 1800 names, while only 900 had voted at the Dominion election. The names had been struck off irrespective of party because most of the names had not been voted for years.

Investigation Demanded

Mr. Bowser explained, in reply to a question of the member for Nanaimo, that he intended to institute an investigation. Mr. Jardine (Esquimalt) suggested that this investigation be made by commission.

Mr. McPhillips (The Islands) defended the minister, stating that there was nothing out of the ordinary in the case.

Mr. McInnes (Grand Forks) said there should be a court of revision and a new list before every election.

Mr. Macdonald returned to his amendment. He said that if the time limit of one year was the only objection the Attorney-General had to the bill he was willing that it should be struck out.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite insisted on this time limit. He said that if there were thirteen Socialists instead of thirteen Liberals in the Opposition the bill would never pass. The government, he said, was eager to avoid contentious legislation, anxious to close down the legislative hippodrome, and enjoy the comfortable salaries for the rest of the year.

Mr. Oliver opposed a policy of obstruction, stating that the new bill would at least better the present situation somewhat.

Mr. Bowser asked that the committee rise, and let the bill stand over until the offending section could be redrafted.

Mr. Macdonald cited a case in Arrowhead, where twelve names had been struck from the list before the Dominion election. One name was that of a Conservative, and the others of Liberals. The Conservative name had been replaced on the lists. Mr. Macdonald asked for an investigation in this matter also.

The committee arose.

The bill to incorporate the Prince Rupert and Port Simpson Railway was read the second time.

The bill to incorporate the Graham Island Railway was read the second time.

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Mr. Justice Martin Yesterday Granted Application for a Writ of Prohibition

The Victoria West arbitration expired yesterday morning after a fitful existence lasting for some three years. Mr. Justice Martin gave it its quietus in chambers yesterday when he granted the writ of prohibition applied for last December by R. T. Elliott, K.C. Application was then made to prohibit the arbitrator, D. R. Harris from proceeding with the work on the grounds, among others, that the bylaw authorizing the proceeding was ultra vires and that confining the assessment district which had to pay the damages to Victoria West was illegal, and made the compensation paid illusory.

His lordship when announcing his decision did not deliver a formal judgment, but it would appear that while the adjudication of these claims which have been settled cannot now be interfered with, the arbitration can go no further, and the proposed assessment for levying the necessary funds to pay the damages already awarded cannot be made. Presumably, unless an appeal is lodged, this money will now have to come out of the general fund.

Paardeberg Memorial

The Imperial Service Club will fly their flag half mast today as a mark of respect for those Victorians who fell at Paardeberg on February 18th, nine years ago, and the Memorial in the Drill Hall will be decorated by the British Campaigners' Association and the Imperial Service Club.

Mechanics Lien Act

A number of Vancouver material men were over yesterday to induce the government to amend the Mechanics Lien Act. They assert that recent decisions in Vancouver anent the 15 days' notice have the effect of making the Act nugatory. Some of them asserted yesterday that the Act would have to be redrafted, but declined to go into details pending the decision of the government.

Judgment Reserved

In the supreme court yesterday Mr. Justice Martin heard the case of Topping vs. Marling, an action on a balance alleged to be due on a promissory note. The defendant claimed that he had agreed to buy 14 timber licenses, giving his note therefor, but had only got 12. He asked for a corresponding rebate. The plaintiff alleges that the extra two licenses were only thrown in for good measure, and were not part of the real consideration, and in any event the defendant could not go back of the note. Frank Higgins is for the plaintiff and H. B. Robertson for the defendant.

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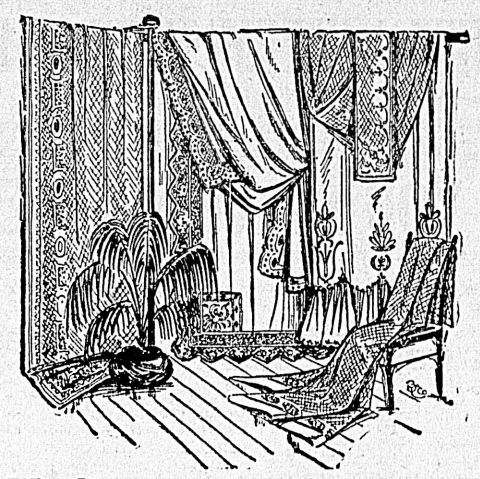

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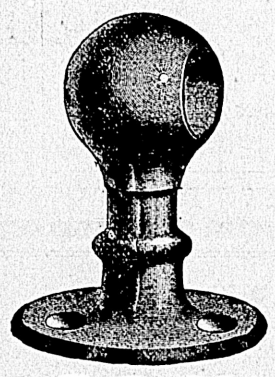

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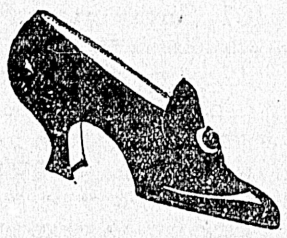

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NEWS OF THE CITY

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Hotel Manager Arrives.

Mr. H. W. Wills, the manager of the Royal Alexandra hotel in Winnipeg, who was somewhat recently appointed inspector of western C.P.R. hotels, arrived in town last evening, and is staying at the Empress.

Thanksgiving Service.

This evening at 8 o'clock a thanksgiving service will be held in the schoolroom of the Metropolitan Methodist church in connection with the Jubilee of Methodism in this province. The jubilee celebration was so successful that all in connection with the church felt it appropriate that the series of services should be closed with this thanksgiving.

Supper for Winners

Messrs. Harocop and Antipas, of the Empress confectionery, Government street, kindly entertained the members of the Victoria West soccer team to a supper on Tuesday night, in honor of their victory over the Seattle team in the P. C. L. series. The courteous hospitality of this public-spirited firm was much appreciated by the members of the team, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Hauptkorn Sentenced

Hauptkorn, the Roumanian charged with stabbing, was found guilty yesterday and sentenced to six months in jail. Judge Lampman said that he could not accept the prisoner's story, and that he believed he had drunk so much whiskey on the day of the affray that he did not know just what he had done. H. D. Helmcken, K.C., appeared for the plaintiff and Wm. C. Moresby for the defence.

Women's Missionary Society.

The annual meeting of the Methodist Women's Missionary society for the island of Vancouver opened at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the Centennial church, Mrs. Frank Adams, of this city, the president, in the chair. In the evening a very interesting address, with respect to the objects and the work of the association, was delivered by Mrs. Sipprell, the wife of Rev. Dr. Sipprell, of New Westminster.

Ladies' Musical Club Concert

The next concert of the Ladies' Musical club will take place in St. John's hall on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 20, at 3.30 o'clock. An attractive programme will be devoted chiefly to the compositions of Chopin and Amy Woodforde Finden, the artists to take part being Mrs. Harry Young, Mr. Bantly, Mr. Foote, Mrs. Lamont, Miss Gladys Hewlings, Miss Grylls, Miss McCreary and Mr. Davis. The programme is as comprehensive as it is interesting and a large audience will no doubt be present.

Wants Provincial Exhibit.

Dr. J. O. Orr, the successful manager of the unrivalled Toronto exhibition, arrived in town last evening, and is staying at the Empress. The immediate object of his visit to the Queen City of the Greater West, is to urge upon the government the importance, from the provincial point of view, of making an annual exhibit in the fine and new $180,000 building which has been erected upon the fair grounds at Toronto for the accommodation and the convenience of provincial exhibits. Last year every province in the Dominion, British Columbia alone excepted, had a suitable exhibit of its varied resources, agricultural and mining, in this building, and it is hoped that this isolation will no longer continue.

The Metropolitan Brotherhood.

The opening meeting of the Metropolitan Brotherhood was held last evening in the lecture room of the Metropolitan Methodist church, where a large number of men gathered. After opening exercises by the Rev. Mr. Hollings, the chair was taken by John Nelson, president of the Brotherhood, who spoke of the objects of the organization. Then addresses were delivered by Rev. Geo. W. Dean, W. J. Shortt, Thomas Cunningham, of New Westminster, and J. W. Smith, ex-mayor of Regina. Solos were sung by Arthur Wheeler, Mr. Herbert and Mr. Marsh, and a violin duet was given by Messrs. Herbert and Gregson. The pastor of the church gave a brief address, after which refreshments were served and the meeting closed with all well satisfied that it had been of much interest and benefit.

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THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., February 17, 1909:

SYNOPSIS.

The pressure is increasing over the North Pacific states but is giving way in the north and a disturbance is approaching Vancouver Island which will probably cause a moderate gale on the outside waters. Milder weather has been general west of the Rockies and light rains have fallen on the lower mainland, Vancouver Island and Oregon and Washington. In the Prairie provinces the low area is moving eastward to the lakes, the weather though much milder is still cold and snow has fallen at various points.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	40	51
Vancouver	40	47
New Westminster	40	48
Kamloops	30	42
Barkerville	24	30
Fort Simpson	40	..
Atlin	6	30
Dawson, Y. T.	6 below	0
Calgary, Alta.	4 below	6
Winnipeg, Man.	16 below	16
Portland, Ore.	52	54
San Francisco, Cal.	50	62

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Thursday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Increasing winds chiefly southerly, unsettled with showers and stationary or lower temperature.

Lower Mainland: Easterly or southerly winds, increasing on the straits, unsettled with showers and stationary or lower temperature.

WEDNESDAY.

Highest	51
Lowest	40
Mean	45

Rain, .05 inch; sunshine, 5 hours, 06 minutes.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.

Victoria meteorological office, February 10 to 16, 1909:

At Victoria there were registered 34 hours and thirty minutes of bright sunshine; highest temperature 53.5 on 16th; lowest 28.2 on 11th; rain 1.20 inches.

Vancouver—Bright sunshine 28 hours; highest temperature 51 on 16th; lowest 23 on 12th, 13th; rain 2.59 inches.

New Westminster—Highest 50 on 15th and 16th; lowest 20 on 12th; rain 2.20 inches.

Kamloops—Highest 36 on 16th; lowest 22 below zero on 14th; precipitation .38 inch.

Barkerville—Highest 34 on 16th; lowest 30 below zero on 12th; precipitation .44 inch.

Port Simpson—Highest 42 on 16th; lowest 2 on 12th; rain .48 inch.

Atlin—Highest 6 on 16th; lowest 40 below zero on 12th; snow one inch.

Dawson—Highest 4 below zero on 16th; lowest 52 below zero on 14th.

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OBITUARY NOTICES

Hope

On Wednesday morning at an early hour, Jean, the beloved wife of Rutherford Hope, of Pender Island, died at St. Joseph's Hospital, after a long and painful illness.

Mrs. Hope, whose maiden name was Jean Reid, was a native of Edinburgh. Since coming to this country she endeared herself to all who knew her by her unassuming manner and genuine kindness. She will be greatly missed by her relatives and friends in Pender Island.

Mr. Hope and Mr. James Auchterlonie came to the city on Wednesday and will accompany the remains on Saturday to Pender Island, where the funeral will take place.

Boorman.

The funeral of Wm. Scoones Boorman will take place at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the family residence, at 1328 Alfred street, Rev. H. A. Carson officiating.

Deuck.

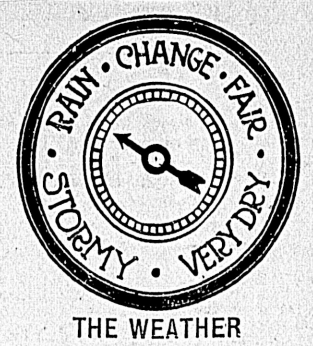
The funeral of Andrew Deuck, the Norwegian who was recently found drowned at the foot of Yates street, took place yesterday afternoon, from Mr. Smith's parlors, upon Yates street, the Rev. John Grundy officiating.

Elliott.

The remains of the late John E. Elliott were laid to rest yesterday afternoon. The funeral services were held in the Hanna chapel at 2 p.m., the Rev. T. C. Hollings officiating. Many friends gathered to pay their last respects, the late Mr. Elliott being widely known. The I.O.F., of which order Mr. Elliott was a valued member, was well represented. The cortege proceeded to Ross Bay cemetery, where interment took place. The pallbearers were: S. Miller, W. W. Runnalls, W. M. Dean, John Dowsitt, R. Coles, R. McConbrey.

Clark.

The funeral of Jane Stirling Clark, the beloved wife of Mr. James S. Clark, who quite recently came to this city from Japan with her husband, and who died very suddenly on Tuesday evening, will take place at 2.15 o'clock today from the family residence at No. 952 Johnson street, and at 2.30 o'clock at St. John's church the Rev. A. J. Stanley Ard officiating. The deceased was born near Whitehaven, in Scotland, and was in the 66th year of her age. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have lived much abroad, having spent some eight years in Spain and twelve years among the Japanese.



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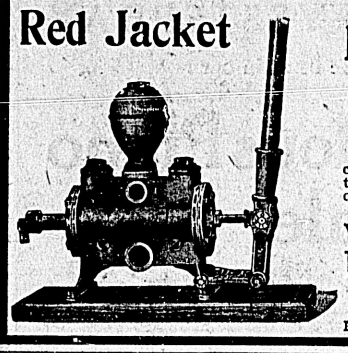

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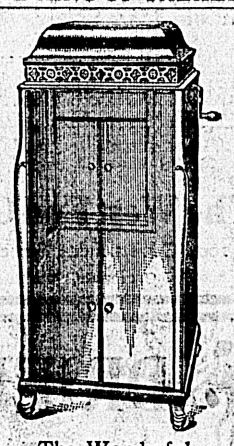

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New Parks Board Takes Up Work For Present Year—Committees Struck

The first meeting of the new public parks board was held yesterday afternoon, when, in addition to routine business, the various committees were struck and the chairman of the board appointed.

John Arbuthnot, who has been chairman since the inception of the board, was again appointed to the position. Mr. Arbuthnot has been absent from the city for several months and when he appeared at yesterday's meeting he was heartily greeted by the other members of the board.

The following committees, provided for under the new bylaw recently passed, were appointed:

Finance—Mayor Hall, Alderman Henderson, John Nelson.

Boulevards and Trees—G. E. Wilkerson, John Nelson, Alderman Turner.

Parks—Alderman Turner, G. E. Wilkerson, F. B. Pemberton.

Animals and Property—F. B. Pemberton, G. E. Wilkerson, Alderman Turner.

D. D. England, superintendent of parks and boulevards, was instructed to make an estimate of the amount required this year for the maintenance and conduct of the parks and report to the board at a special meeting to be held next Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

No Swans to Spare

A communication from the Western Agricultural association, of Brandon, Man., asking the board for a pair of swans, was read. The association made a similar request last year but it was then decided that the board could not spare any of its swans and the same reply will be made to this latest request.

Arthur Dexter, assistant director of the live game department of the Alaska-Yukon exposition, wrote asking the board to loan from the city collection of animals at the park a mountain sheep which the exposition directors desire to place in the live game exhibit at the fair. Any other animals which the board could spare would be appreciated. As there is no mountain sheep in the animal collection here Mr. Dexter's request cannot be met, though Mr. Wilkerson suggested that a bear or two, or some of the eagles might be sent. It would be a good way of getting rid of what has become a burden and a nuisance.

Discussion on the animal question was also aroused by a communication from Mrs. Georgina Kent, who urged that the board should do away with the animals altogether. She referred to the cruelty of keeping the birds confined in such close quarters where they exist in a continual state of moulting, unsheltered and "resenting with sullen scorn the little eager faces pressed against their bars," Mrs. Kent believed that it would be much better to defy convention and have the birds stuffed and added to the collection in the museum, where the children could see and enjoy them without every hour being a burden to the birds. Mrs. Kent also pointed out that owing to the expense of keeping the animals it would be better to do away with them and the money annually spent on maintenance expended on adequate play-grounds for children which would be more beneficial than the present sickening odors arising from the animal cages. The presence of the animals in the park, Mrs. Kent declared, was the direct cause of the city running a rat farm in the middle of the city. She pointed out that last year there were only two ducks with broods of young ones, the rats having eaten the eggs, while she had counted no less than nine rats chasing each other about the monkey cages.

"That is the most sensible letter we have had before us in a long time," remarked Mr. Wilkerson, who declared that the animals were a perfect nuisance and should be got rid of. Mr. Arbuthnot believed that if the animals were to be retained they should be properly kept.

More Tree Cutting

C. C. Pemberton wrote, complaining of a number of large alder trees in the park having been cut down, as well as other trees. Some visitors to the city had drawn his attention to the matter, which he considered should be investigated by the board. Mr. Pemberton also stated that the plot of ground placed at the disposal of the Natural History society, has been denuded of every particle of soil, leaving only the bare rock. Considerable time and labor was expended last year by the society in caring for Arbutus and Dogwood trees, but further efforts will be useless unless soil is provided. He suggested that street sweepings should be placed on the piece of land in question and the work of the society, in that way, encouraged.

Superintendent England, referring to Mr. Pemberton's statement that trees had been cut down at the park, stated that such had been the case, but it was only in cases where the trees were decayed and were a menace. During high winds the branches had broken off and fallen to the ground, and it was deemed wise to cut the tree down to avoid any accident. No trees, other than those which should have been removed, were touched. Mr. Pemberton's suggestion that the street sweepings should be placed on the plot of ground cared for by the Natural History society will be adopted.

Denies Charges.

Superintendent England, referring to the charges made at the recent civic investigation, that men engaged on boulevard work on Cross street had wasted much time and accomplished nothing, stated that so far no boulevard men had been put on that street. It had also been stated that men employed by the board had damaged the water main on Mears street by reason of which the greenhouse of Henry Callow had been flooded. No men engaged on boulevard work had been employed on that street. As for the charge that black soil had been taken from the North Ward park for boulevard purposes, Mr. England stated that such was not the case. One load had been taken away but not for boulevard purposes. Any soil to be removed would be taken away in pursuance of the plan of beautification of the park.

A communication from the manager of the Empress hotel asking what the board proposes to do towards improving the plots of ground at either end of the causeway on the hotel side of Government street, will be referred to the city council. It is the intention of the city to pave the causeway this year when the necessary attention will be paid to the city's property there.

Alderman Turner stated that hereafter he would strenuously oppose any boulevard work being done on streets until the thoroughfare on which it is proposed to lay boulevards have been properly improved under the local improvement plan. To place boulevards on streets which are not paved or improved was, Alderman Turner believed, a waste of money.

Alderman Turner will, at the next meeting of the board, move that the hour of meeting be changed from 8 o'clock in the evening to 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Those present at yesterday's meeting were John Arbuthnot, Aldermen Henderson and Turner, Messrs. John Nelson and G. E. Wilkerson.

To Meet Minister.

The council of the board of trade will meet the Hon. Mr. Templeman at 11 o'clock this morning.

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REVENUE ESTIMATED AT NEARLY SIX MILLIONS

Estimates Show a High Figure—Projected Expenditure Heavy

The following estimate of revenue and receipts for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1910, was submitted by Capt. Tatlow yesterday:

Dominion of Canada—		
Annual payment of— Interest at 5 per cent, $29,151.06; subsidy to government and legislature, $150,000; grant per capita on 178,657, $142,925.60; for lands conveyed, $100,000; "B. N. A. Act, 1907," $100,000. Total		$ 522,076.66
Land sales		750,000.00
Land revenue		135,000.00
Survey fees		2,500.00
Rents (exclusive of land)		100.00
Timber leases		75,000.00
Timber licenses		2,000,000.00
Timber royalties		250,000.00
Free miners' certificates		50,000.00
Mining receipts, general		90,000.00
Licenses, trade and liquor		60,000.00
Licenses, game		10,000.00
Commercial Travellers' Licenses Act, 1907		200.00
Fines and fees of court		18,000.00
Probate fees		8,000.00
Succession duty		35,000.00
Law stamps		20,000.00
Sale government property		1,000.00
Registry fees		175,000.00
Marriage licenses		12,000.00
Revenue tax		200,000.00
Real property tax		275,000.00
Personal property tax		150,000.00
Land taxes—wild lands, coal and timber lands		200,000.00
Income tax		130,000.00
Dyking Assessment act, 1905, (interest on fixed capital)		14,700.00
Mineral tax		105,000.00
Tax on unworked Crown-granted mineral claims		30,000.00
Registered taxes (all denominations)		50.00
Tax sale deeds		500.00
Revenue service refunds		1,500.00
Printing office		40,000.00
Bureau of Mines		1,000.00
Hospital for the insane		25,000.00
Provincial home		1,000.00
Royalty and tax on coal		140,000.00
Traffic tolls, New Westminster bridge		25,000.00
Reimbursements for keep of prisoners		1,000.00
Interest on investment of sinking funds		55,000.00
Interest, miscellaneous		80,000.00
Chinese restriction act (Act 1884, Dominion statutes)		200,000.00
Fishery and cannery licenses		10,000.00
Log scaling fees		20,000.00
Boiler inspection and examination fees		18,000.00
Miscellaneous receipts		12,000.00
Total		$5,948,626.66

Estimate of Expenditure

The following summary of the estimated expenditure for the fiscal year ending 31st March, 1910, was submitted to the legislature by Capt. Tatlow yesterday:

Public debt		$ 520,824.11
Civil government (salaries)		367,440.00
Administration of justice (salaries)		153,848.00
Legislation		65,620.00
Pub. institutions (maintenance)		229,116.00
Hospitals and charities		200,000.00
Administration of justice (other than salaries)		172,050.00
Education		614,560.00
Transport		37,000.00
Revenue services		40,000.00
Public Works—		
Works and b'l'd'gs	$ 666,475.00	
Gov. house	5,900.00	
Roads and streets, bridges wharves	1,482,585.00	
Subsidies to st'mboats, ferries & Bridges	16,440.00	
Surveys and improvement of lands	560,000.00	
Contingencies	100,000.00	
		2,831,100.00
Miscellaneous		384,240.00
Total		$5,615,798.11

Note—Under authority of "Shuswap Railway Guarantees act, 1890," and "Nakusp and Slocan Railway act, 1894," provision has to be made for paying interest on Shuswap and Okanagan, and Nakusp and Slocan Railway bonds, in excess of earnings, and under authority of "Victoria and Sidney Railway Subsidy act, 1892," for paying interest on Victoria and Sidney Railway bonds (approximately) $40,000.

AMENDMENTS TO THE MEDICAL BILL

Many Important Changes to Be Made in the Measure Contested

The opposition that has confronted the Medical bill, introduced in the Legislature by Dr. King (Cranbrook), has had its result in a large number of amendments to be introduced when the bill is under consideration by the committee of the House. These amendments are very radical in their nature, and do a great deal towards altering the very character of the original measure.

Provision is made for the practice of osteopathy in the following amendment:

Nothing in this act shall prevent or prohibit any duly qualified osteopath from practicing his profession for reward or gain within the Province of British Columbia from and after the passing of this act: Provided that all practitioners of osteopathy within the meaning of this act shall be duly qualified osteopaths of a recognized school or college of osteopathy; and for the purpose of this act, a recognised school or college of osteopathy shall be deemed to be an institution recognized by the American Osteopathic Association: Provided, further, that before any such osteopath shall be lawfully entitled to practice osteopathy within British Columbia, such osteopath shall take and successfully pass an examination satisfactory to the Council in the following subjects: Anatomy, physiology, chemistry, toxicology, pathology, bacteriology, histology, neurology, physical diagnosis, obstetrics, gynescology, minor surgery, hygiene, medical jurisprudence, principles and practice of osteopathy: The Council, for the purpose of such examination of applicants for registration as osteopaths under this act, shall appoint an osteopath, who shall prescribe the examination for such applicants in relation to the principles and practice of osteopathy; Any duly qualified osteopath who shall successfully pass such examination of the Council of the College: Provided that such osteopath shall be restricted and shall be entitled to to be registered, under this act, as a member of the college; Provided that such osteopath shall be restricted wholly to the practice of osteopathy."

Any homeopathic physician holding a diploma of qualification from any recognized school or college requiring at least a four years' course of study, which has been undergone by the applicant, may be registered under this act after taking and successfully passing an examination in the following subjects; Anatomy, physiology, chemistry, pathology, bacteriology, hygiene, obstetrics, gynescology, principles and practice of surgery: The Council, for the purpose of such examination of applicants for registration as a homeopath under the act, shall appoint a homeopath as an examiner, who shall prescribe the examination for such applicant in relation to the subjects of materia medica and the principles and practice of medicine; Any duly qualified homeopath who shall successfully pass such examination to the satisfaction of the Council, shall be entitled to be registered under this act as a member practice of homeopathy."

The sections regarding fees of members of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia are struck out, and the following section put in their place:

Each member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia shall pay to the Registrar, or to any person deputed by the Registrar to receive it, such annual fee as may be determined by by-law of the Council, not less than $2.50 and not more than $10 (ten dollars) towards the general expense of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia, which annual fee shall be payable on the first day of January in the year for which the same is imposed, and obtain annually a certificate, under the seal of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia, stating his qualifications to practice, and that the certificate is in force for one year from its date; and such annual fee shall be a debt deemed to be due by the member to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia, and shall be recoverable, with costs of suit, in the name of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia, in the County Court, Small Debts Court or other Court having jurisdiction at the place where the member resides.

Provided always, that such fee shall be paid by any member of the College so long as his name is in the register, whether he be resident in the province or not, or whether he be practising or not:

Provided further, that any member of the College may at his own request in writing, have his name removed from the register, and any member whose name has been so removed may have his name replaced on the register on his written request, without any examination, by paying to the College all yearly fees which would have been payable by him if his name had not been removed as aforesaid.

The section to which so much opposition has been made, is that regarding companies carrying on the practice of medicine, is eliminated.

The Labor Petition

The executive of the Trades and Labor Council were in the lobby of the house yesterday trying to get the petition which they presented to the executive the other day introduced into the house in the form of a resolution recommending legislation along the lines indicated. The Victoria and Vancouver members declined to officiate, saying that it would be improper, as the matter had been referred to the executive. The labor men then announced their intention of asking one of the Socialists to take up the matter.

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HERE AND THERE

Bishop Farthing, the newly elected bishop of Montreal, recently delivered an address to the synod in which he touched on many subjects which are occupying the attention of the people of Victoria. What his lordship said concerning children is worthy the attention of parents everywhere. The following is taken from the report of the Montreal Herald:

"Parents, too, were prone to lose sight of the great responsibility they owed to their offspring. There were certain things in life which they should be told, which could be better and much better told by mothers and fathers than by companions who imparted the advice in a spirit other than that of warning. The clergy had a duty to do here and at the time of confirmation the opportunity of straight plain speaking presented itself. He deplored the fact that parents exercised so little influence over their children, permitted them to run the streets at all hours of the night, and that girls were allowed to go to theatres and dances with no other escort than that of young men about whose moral characters the parents were often in ignorance. There was again, too much familiarity among the young and he earnestly exhorted parents to watch their children more carefully."

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The public of Victoria is indebted to the Rev. C. E. Cooper, the Rev. J. S. Ard, and the other gentlemen and ladies who so strongly represented the necessity for guarding the children employed in Victoria from danger. They have given voice to the feeling that has long been present among those who have had opportunities of observing the evils complained of. The suggestion of the attorney-general that to deprive children of employment may work a hardship to their parents is one that would have greater weight in the centres of population than in the cities of our own new province. It is now generally admitted that children are entitled to an education from the state and that they should not be forced to work during school hours. It would be far cheaper in the end for the community to assist indigent parents than to allow their children to earn money under conditions which are likely to lead to their ruin.

It is to be feared, however, that in the majority of cases children are sent out to earn money on our streets, not because it is needed but because the children wish to have it to spend on small luxuries or in some cases even to save. There is, in these days too little of the self-denial that enabled Scottish parents and the early pioneers of Canada to suffer privations that they might send their children to school. While education is free there is a disposition to undervalue it which bodes ill to the future of our country. That no sacrifice whether of pleasure, of comfort or of means is too great in order that boys and girls many grow into strong men and women, well equipped for the battle of life, may be an old-fashioned doctrine, but it is one that makes for greatness in a nation.

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Every woman in the province should read carefully the speech of the attorney-general on the reformatory bill, which appeared in the report of the proceedings of the legislature in yesterday morning's issue. It shows that every effort is being made to convert the children sent there into honest lads, who when they leave the institution, will know how to work and will be ready to learn a trade or enter upon any useful occupation. They live a healthy normal life under the care of a good man and woman and the number who have been pardoned and dismissed on parole speaks well for the system adopted.

If the report of the reformatory is encouraging the same cannot be said of the record of the boys before being committed. Of the hundred children who have been sent to the reformatory during the past four years, almost three-fourths were dishonest. When we remember that but a small proportion of the children guilty of petty thefts are ever arrested the prevalence of dishonesty is alarming. It is much to be feared this is a consequence of a laxity on the part of grown-up people. Yet absolute trustworthiness is as necessary in the twentieth century as it was when the great Hebrew teacher gave his people the command "Thou shalt not steal."

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The other fourth of the prisoners were committed for incorrigibility, for the two vagrants may be counted among the twenty-four placed in the former class. Poor little fellows. What a story this tells of parental incapacity. It may be that some of these incorrigibles were children whose mothers or fathers were forced to leave them alone all day in order to earn money for their support. Yet even in the case of the death of one parent it would have been wiser to place the child in an orphanage before he had been allowed to earn such a character. Unless these boys were of unsound mind it was the parents who should have been punished and not they. If the good people who have charge of the institution will be able to bring the boys whom their natural protectors were too weak or too careless to manage under control, they will be entitled to their lasting gratitude. There are loving mothers and kind fathers who forget that not the least of the needs of a little child is to be ruled.

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But perhaps the lesson that the figures teach most plainly is the old one that ignorance is the parent of vice. Of the whole number committed only eight had acquired an education suitable to their years. These boys were in the fourth reader which would indicate that they had both the ability and the knowledge needed to discern right from wrong. Twenty-one were in the third reader. As the age of these children is not given, we may suppose that they too, ought to have known the danger of the course they were pursuing and have realized its wickedness. Yet any teacher who has ever had charge of a third reader class knows that many a boy, and girl too, who have grown into honest men and women, yielded to the temptation to take what did not belong to them.

Of the others, twenty-four could not read and forty-seven were in the primary class. That is they were as ignorant as children of their age could be. These statements should arouse the educational authorities of the cities to vigorous action. It is not likely that many of the inmates of the reformatory are country children, who lived at too great a distance from any school to obtain an education. If, last year, thirty-one boys were sent to the reformatory, three-fourths of whom either could not read or write or possessed the smallest amount of elecentary knowledge how many boys and girls are growing up in ignorance in our cities? No one can suppose that the number arrested represents any large proportion of those children who are habitually absent from school. The figures given prove that but a very small number of those children, within school age, who attend their classes regularly become criminals.

So far as it goes, this tells in favor of the moral influence of our teachers who, notwithstanding the misgivings of many good people, both by precept and example endeavor to teach the children the difference between right and wrong.

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But we will seek the silence, thou and I,
Content, while fame and treasure pass us by,
To rove through quiet coverts that we know.

Yea, we will hearken to the wordless speech
Of opening buds beneath the vernal showers;
To us the morn its dewy lore shall teach
The evening whisper o'er its sleeping flowers;
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Under date of February, 10th, 1908, Mr. Herman Ridder, President of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, filed charges against the Paper Trust of the United States, and in his disposition to Hon. Chas. J. Bonaparte, Attorney-General of the United States, said:

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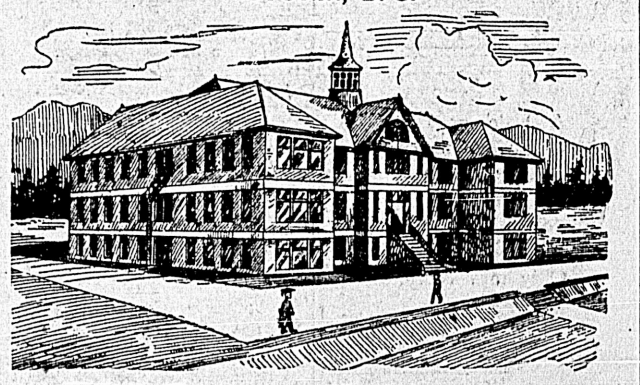

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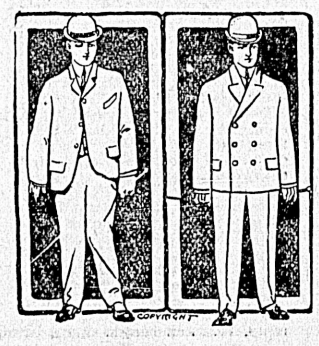

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The Sporting World

RACE MEET ON THE 24TH OF MAY

Local Driving Club Intend Arranging Series Events on Victoria's Holiday

TO ELIMINATE BETTING

Association to Take Stand for Cleaner, More Wholesome Sport Here

If the use of the race track at the exhibition grounds can be obtained a meet lasting one or two days will be arranged to take place on or about the 24th of May under the auspices of the Victoria Driving club. Although it is impossible for that organization to make a definite announcement pending the satisfactory arrangement of a number of important details it is said that the majority of the members are so pronouncedly in favor of the proposal that it is practically assured that it will be undertaken and carried to a successful issue.

That there will be plenty of entries for all the contests included in the programme there is no doubt. At the exhibition grounds at present there are a few celebrated trotters; a number of local enthusiasts have horses that they would be glad to try out, while, should it be decided that the meet shall embrace a few events for the "bob-tails," there are enough in winter quarters here to make the runs of interest. For the reason that there is plenty of material on hand, that it would be unnecessary to look for outside entries to make the meet of sufficiently pretentious proportions to attract public attention, it is the consensus of opinion that it would be a pity to allow the opportunity to pass without inaugurating some sport.

Big Purses Proposed.

The Victoria Driving club, at a recent meeting, also came to the conclusion to submit at least one important recommendation to the board of directors of the B. C. Agricultural association in the conduct of their annual fall meet. It is to the effect that a series of stake races be arranged, purses of $1,000 being offered in each cases. Occasion is taken to point out that, though on its face the suggestion might appear to involve too great a financial expenditure, as a matter of fact the actual outlay, on the part of the association, would not aggregate more than $300 for each contest. It also is explained that this system has been in vogue in connection with various horse race meetings on the other side of the line and has been found to operate most satisfactorily. One of the strongest arguments in its favor, it is stated, is that it attracts more and a better class of entry, thus being conducive to a higher class of sport than that witnessed in this city heretofore.

To Eliminate Betting.

There is one point in connection with the season's local meets on which, from what can be gathered, the Victoria Driving club proposes taking a determined stand and that is the sale of intoxicants and publicly conducted betting at the race track. This matter has been up for discussion among the members on several occasions already, despite the fact that the season is yet some distance away. At first there was some difference of opinion. It was thought by a number that it would be well nigh impossible to conduct a meet without the features indicated. For the most part, however, the feeling was the other way. After the question had been argued at length unanimity of sentiment, to the effect that better and more wholesome sport would result if betting and the presence of a licensed bar on the track were barred, developed and it was agreed that the organization would take the earliest possible occasion to make known its policy in this respect.

This being the case if the association undertakes a meet on the 24th of May the dry ones will find it impossible to obtain the wherewithal to slacken their thirst on the grounds, and there will be no provision made for the "bookies." The races will be conducted on the same basis that the authorities of Washington and California states propose inaugurating. Of course the Driving club has no jurisdiction over the annual exhibition contests but it is intended that their influence will be exerted to induce those in charge to adopt the same principles in their arrangements for what is deemed the principal feature of Victoria's annual exhibition.

ANNUAL SOCCER MEETING TONIGHT

Victoria District League to Assemble at V. W. A. A. Hall

The annual meeting of the Victoria District Association Football league will be held at the V. W. A. A. hall this evening. At this gathering arrangements will be made to formally wind-up the affairs of the past season. The winners of the different local leagues will be declared as follows:

Senior—Victoria West.
Intermediate—North Ward.
Junior—Beacon Hill.

One of the most important matters on the tapis is the fixing of a date for the public presentation of cups to the victorious clubs and of medals to the individual members of the successful teams.

In the past it has been the custom to elect the association's officers for the ensuing year at the close of the season. Whether this will be be adopted on this occasion, however, is problematical. The suggestion has been made that it would be well to permit those now holding office to run on until the opening of the 1909-10 season when, if there were any changes necessary, they could be made at the first league organization meeting.

However, a large attendance is requested at tonight's session. It is asked especially that every club that participated in any of the series of this season be represented as the affairs to be discussed are of such a character that it is imperative that there should be unanimity in the decisions reached.

FINAL MATCH

Ladysmith and Nanaimo Football Teams Play on Sunday

The final match of the Pacific Coast league series will take place on Sunday at Ladysmith, the competing teams being representative of Vancouver and of the Island Lumber City. While the championship has been decided, Nanaimo's recent triumph over Ladysmith giivng them a lead that cannot be equaled by any other competing club, it is understood that there is a more than usually pronounced desire on the part of both Vancouver and Ladysmith to win the forthcoming match. The Terminal City club has selected their strongest eleven. Its personnel follows: Goal, Forest; full-backs, Gunzeon and McLean; half-backs, Neilson, Graham and Knowles; forwards, Jones, Robertson, Mackenzie, Viney and Anderson. Reserves: Scott and Herring.

E. N. Clark, the representative of Pearson's magazine, who has tramped across the continent on a contract, and Archie Vaughan, a local athlete, will walk five miles this week. Just where or when the contest will take place hasn't yet been decided. The winner has been challenged by E. S. Woodward, of Victoria West.

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INVERIC REPORTS ODD EXPERIENCE

Strange Phenomenon Noted of Sudden Cessation of Mid-Pacific Hurricane

THE ADATO'S SURVIVORS

Wrecked Liner Almost Totally Submerged—Other Shipping Casualties

Officers of the steamer Inveric, of the Bank line, which reached port yesterday morning with 2,700 tons of general freight, 200 tons of which was landed at the outer wharf, were puzzled by a strange phenomenon encountered during the long voyage of 21 days from Yokohama, with a succession of almost continual gales retarding the lightly-laden freighter. On February 8, at 8.05 a.m. when in 168 west 50 north with a strong hurricane blowing from the southeast and a very high sea which sent big seas sweeping over the bow and along the waist of the ship, the wind suddenly died away and the sea fell with almost abrupt suddenness to a glassy calm, the barometer at the same time rising 6-10ths of an inch, from 29.12 to 29.70. The strange phenomena was noted in the log, and was considered the strangest occurrence experienced at sea by any of the steamer's crew. The steamer was cut down to three knots speed, steaming with difficulty against the storm one minute; and the next she was put to full speed steaming through a calm sea with a glass-like smooth surface. The Inveric left Yokohama but four days after the Empress of Japan which reached port two weeks ago, on January 27th, and the first day out a strong gale was encountered, with heavy seas which swept on board, and from that time until arrival off the Vancouver island coast there were few days without heavy weather. The wreck of the Soquel was seen, still unbroken, at Seabird rocks.

Shortly before the Inveric left Yokohama Capt. Stewart and the forty men of the crew of the lost Weir steamer Adato reached Yokohama from Vries island, where the crew had been looked after at the fishing hamlet of Idzumitsu, a little wattled village near the scene of the wreck on the northeast coast of Vries island at the entrance to Yokohama bay, where the big freighter struck during a heavy storm when bound from Yokohama to Kobe. The shipwrecked men were given quarters in the village temple. A heavy snow squall prevailed when the vessel went ashore. She struck heavily, and the crew had to leave her. She struck a submerged rock lying a short distance from shore, and sank soon after the crew left her. Part of the cotton cargo has since been washed ashore. Capt. Stewart and his crew were kindly treated by the villagers, and were taken to Yokohama by the steamer Noge Maru, of the Yokohama Dock company, which went to the scene, together with the tug Okino Maru, of the Yokohama customs. The cargo was all under water, but part of it was expected to be salved by divers. When the Inveric left there was little more than a small portion of the forward part of the steamer, the foremast and funnel showing above water. A number of fishing junks and sampans were standing by seeking to recover part of the cargo. The fishermen of the district laid in a good stock of damaged flour recovered by them from the wreck.

Officers of the Inveric stated that the Toyo Kisen Kaisha's liner Nippon Maru which arrived at Yokohama three days before they left the Japanese port had a very rough passage. The day after sailing from Honolulu she ran into a storm with a very high sea, and was laboring heavily for three days and nights, making very little progress. During the storm the big seas which swept on board washed two Japanese seamen overboard, but both were rescued by lifebuoys thrown from the vessel attached to ropes.

Further news was brought of the disaster to the steamer Iburi Maru, which was run down on her trials two miles from Kamoi, near Uraga, by the French mail steamer Sydney. The disaster, which occurred as the Empress of Japan was leaving, was briefly reported on arrival of the white liner. When the French liner was sighted inbound to Yokohama, according to the crew of the Iburi Maru, they turned to port, but the Sydney continued without altering her course. As the danger was imminent, the Iburi gave a warning whistle to which the Sydney seemed to pay no attention. At the critical time, the Japanese steamer stopped and subsequently tried to get out of the course with a view to avoiding collision. It was, however, too late; and the bow of the Sydney struck the port-side of the Iburi astern, causing such damage that the latter sank seven or eight minutes after the impact. The depth of the sea where the Iburi sank is over thirty fathoms so that there is no hope of floating her. The loss sustained by the Hokkaido Colliery Steamship Co., owners of the ship, in consequence of the sinking is estimated at yen 150,000. During the Russo-Japanese war, the vessel was employed as a transport. Several of the side plates of the Sydney were badly damaged.

News was brought of the action of a Chinese prototype of Casablanca who refused to leave a sinking junk off the Liaotung peninsula. He was a member of the crew of a junk which was shipwrecked about 57 nautical miles north off Chefoo and not far from Tairen. The crew—ten in number—were rescued by the steamer Ning-chingwan running between Tairen and Chefoo, with the exception of the head boatman who refused to leave the junk, at the time the rest of the crew effected a landing on a rock after the wreck occurred. The rescued crew were handed over to the Kogikwal of the town of Tairen. It is said that the authorities were to despatch a torpedo boat to the rescue of the head boatman who had drifted away from the scene of the disaster on board the unfortunate junk.

Both the ministers of war and navy have complained regarding the postponement of military and naval expenses in the Japanese diet according to advices received by the steamer Inveric. Admiral Saito, minister of the navy, said that as Japan was in the geographical position of being in the track of any international naval struggle in the far east the naval programme was important, but in accord with the financial position they had to postpone building plans which ought to be completed within four years and those for repairing within two years. He suggested this postponement be curtailed.

Japanese newspapers received by the Inveric contain many columns with regard to the anti-Japanese situation in California, and several letters appear in vernacular papers from returned Japanese complaining of ill-treatment in California.

A sensation was caused in the diet at Tokio a few days before the Inveric sailed when T. Muramatsu, proprietor of the Asahi Shimbun, bitterly attacked the private life of Prime Minister Katsura and Viscount Terauchi, minister of war.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE

Special to the Colonist

Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, wind west, 6 miles an hour. In, a steamer at 5 a.m. Out, steamer Tiverton.

Tatoosh, noon—Cloudy, wind southwest, 30 miles an hour. Out, U. S. steamer Manning at 8.05 a.m., steamer Tordenskjold at 8.15 a.m., schooner Alpena, towing, at 9.30 a.m. In, barkentine James Johnston at 11 a.m.

By Wireless

Cape Lazo, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, calm. Bar. 29.75, temp. 40. Sea rough.

Point Grey, 8 a.m.—Light rain, calm, hazy. Bar. 29.72, temp. 42.

Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, wind west, 6 miles an hour. Bar. 29.88, temp. 44. Passed in, a steamer, at 5 a.m. Passed out, steam schooner Tiverton, at 7.25 a.m.

Pachena, 8 a.m—Cloudy, light westerly wind. Bar. 29.73, temp. 43. Heavy swell.

Cape Lazo, noon—Part cloudy, southeast breeze. Bar. 29.87, temp. 47. Sea smooth. At 10 a.m., spoke steamer Ohio, which later passed this point at 10.30; steamer William Jolliffe passed south at 11.30 a.m.

Point Grey, noon—Cloudy, calm, fog in inlet. Bar. 29.88, temp. 48.

Tatoosh, noon—Cloudy, wind southwest, 30 miles an hour. Bar. 30, temp. 45. Sea rough. Passed out, U. S. steamer Manning at 8.05 a.m.; steamer Tordenskjold at 8.15, and schooner Alpena, towing, at 9.30. Passed in, barkentine James Johnson at 11 a.m.

Estevan, noon—Clear, fresh southwest breeze. Bar. 29.83, temp. 46. Sea rough.

Pachena, noon—Part cloudy, light southwest breeze. Bar. 29.88, temp. 48. Sea rough.

Cape Lazo, 6 p.m.—Part cloudy, wind southeast. Bar. 29.55, temp. 46. Steamer Ohio spoken northbound, north of Seymour Narrows at 2 p.m.

Point Grey, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, a southeast wind. Bar. 29.85, temp. 43.

Pachena, 6 p.m.—Drizzling, a southeast breeze. Bar. 29.74, temp. 43. Sea rough. Steamer Tango Maru in at 4 p.m.

Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Wind southeast, 10 miles an hour. Bar. 29.97, temp. 45. Sea rough. In, revenue cutter Manning, at 1 p.m.; schooner Alpena returned at 2.15 p.m. In, steamer Tango Maru at 5.15 p.m.

Estevan, 6 p.m.—Raining, a southeast wind. Bar. 29.85, temp. 44. Sea rough. No shipping.

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TANGO MARU WILL DOCK THIS MORNING

Japanese Liner Reports By Wireless—Agapanthus and Glenfarg Outbound

The Jananese steamer Tango Maru, reported by wireless to Estevan point station of the Dominion government yesterday morning, transmitting word that she would arrive at William Head quarantine station at 8 a.m., and expected to dock about 9 a.m. today. The Tango Maru left Yokohama on February 3rd, and is bringing a large cargo of general freight, including about 300 tons for this port.

The steamer Glenfarg, Capt. Holman, of the C. P. R., put to sea yesterday morning from Vancouver, on her last voyage to the Far East under charter to the C. P. R., carrying as full a cargo as could be crowded into her holds. The steamer left Vancouver during the foggy spell of December last and after the second effort to get to sea struck in the Narrows, damages being sustained which necessitated repairs costing $45,000 at the Esquimalt Drydock, the work being carried out by the B. C. Marine Railway Company.

Another ocean steamer which spent a long time at Esquimalt, the British steamer Agapanthus, Capt. Davis, sailed yesterday afternoon after a stay lasting from April last at anchor among the disengaged fleet at Esquimalt. The Agapanthus has been chartered to carry a cargo of lumber from Portland to Australia. The Norwegian steamer collier Tordenskjold also sailed outbound yesterday, bound to San Francisco from Nanaimo with another cargo of coal.

The steamer Kumeric having been delayed loading freight at Seattle, is not expected to leave here for Manilla and the Far East until Saturday next, and when she sails from the Outer Wharf the Weir steamer will be well filled with freight. She goes out in command of Capt. J. Mathie, formerly of the steamer Boveric, owing to Capt. Cowley having been called home owing to the death of his daughter.

The steamer Beckenham, under charter to Jebsen & Ostrander for the North China trade is expected from the Sound today bound to Comox for coal, and the steamer Lonsdale of the Canadian-Mexican steamship line is fully due from Salina Cruz and Mexican ports.

Advices received from Hong Kong yesterday report the arrival there of the British steamer Suveric, from Manila, bound to this port via Japanese ports of call. The Suveric is scheduled to leave Yokohama on Wednesday next. The Empress of China is to leave the Japanese port next Monday, and the steamer Amiral Duperre of the Chargeurs Reunis, from Havre, is expected to leave Yokohama next Tuesday.

COASTING SEAMEN BARRED FROM HOSPITAL

Fireman of Steamer Princess Beatrice Who Was Denied Order of Admission

"A statement having been made that certain privileges had been recently withdrawn from seamen engaged in the coasting trade, inquiry at the customs department elicited the information that seamen on coasting vessels never had the privilege of using the hospital. Only vessels trading to a foreign port are considered seamen under the act, and coasting vessels not visiting foreign ports are not taxed for sixk dues. There has been no change of any kind made recently, but Dr. Godin, who recently inspected the hospital, reported that he would make certain recommendations, although he refused to state what they would be until he had handed them in to the government."

The above statement itself aptly described in the heading 'untrue report' was published in the evening paper last night.

The collector of customs, J. C. Newbury, a few days ago received orders from Ottawa instructing him that the tender of sick mariners dues paid by coasting steamers of British Columbia, several of which having their crews signed on articles, have regularly paid the sick mariners dues and sent men to the marine hospital was hereafter to be refused. On Saturday last Geo. Harris, a fireman of the steamer Princess Beatrice of the C. P. R. coasting service, one of the coasting steamers for which sick mariners dues have been paid in the past, was sent to the marine hospital with the customary order for admission. When this order was presented at the customs house on Monday for signature—the steward having to get a signature on each order from the customs house as his authority to admit seamen—the customs authorities refused to sign the order, stating to the bearer that an order had been received from Ottawa denying admittance to seamen on coasting vessels. A goodly proportion of the 100 men admitted to the marine hospital last year were from coasting steamers. The absurdity of the order is obvious when it is considered that while the steamer Princess Victoria, owing to her call at Seattle is considered a foreign-going vessel under the new ruling and her seamen are admissible to the hospital, the Princess Charlotte, running a similar distance in a similar service to Vancouver, is a coaster and, although the steamship company is willing to continue the payments of sick mariners dues, her crew is excluded from the privilege of entering the marine hospital. The excluded fireman of the steamer Princess Beatrice, the order for whose admission was not signed owing to the new order, would have been admissible when the steamer was running to Seattle, but not while the steamer is running to northern British Columbia ports. Harris is meanwhile at the hospital; but the steward will be unable without the order to collect the $5 per week allowed for the feeding and care of patients by the government.

NORTHWESTERN SAVES CREW OF SCHOONER

Lookout on Steamer Heard Scream of Woman Above Noise of the Storm

The steamer Northwestern, which arrived from Valdez last night, brought five survivors of the schooner Nugget, picket up near Lituya bay, who had been at the mercy of the elements for nearly a week, says a despatch from Juneau.

A party of six left this city last summer prospecting. They remained at Lituya until their provisions were exhausted. Then they started out in the Nugget, a schooner of five tons capacity. The party was caught in a storm and drifted helpless until picked up by the Northwestern.

The lookout on the big vessel heard a woman scream. The sea was extremely rough and in ascending the rope ladder Louis Jordan lost his hold and fell into the sea and was drowned. The engineer of the Northwestern was struck by the mast of the plunging schooner and severely injured. He remained behind at the Sisters' hospital here.

The survivors of the Nugget are: Charles Byron, captain; Daniel Wagner, John Finley, C. Lukan and Mrs. Lukan. Jordan was a brother of Mrs. Lukan.

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Elected Auditors.

Both were adopted unanimously.

Flags on Schools.

Commenting on the secretary's report Mr. Blakemore expressed the opinion that when there were no distinguished visitors in the city for an extended period that meetings be arranged at which local talent might afford the usual entertainment in the form of addresses on popular topics. There was no doubt that much good work had been accomplished in the past, but he did not see why more should not be done in the future. Last year there had been one business luncheon. In his mind that had been a very pleasant and profitable affair. He suggested that more than one of these gatherings might be arranged during 1909. He dwelt on the question of the flying of flags over the public schools of British Columbia. That proposal, he believed, had emanated from the Canadian club. He believed that the move should be followed up and, if it was found, as he was given to understand was the case in Victoria, that there were some institutions not displaying the flag, that the committee take action in the proper way.

A. W. McCurdy endorsed what had been said by Mr. Blakemore. He thought that the influence of the club's stand on the flag question and the schools had, not only been felt in British Columbia, but throughout the country.

Of the same opinion was Mr. McNeill. He believed that the provincial government had forwarded the Union Jack to every school in the province with the request that it be displayed. He did not know whether, in every instance, the wish thus expressed had been complied with. In Victoria, however, the schools were flying the flag wherever possible.

Paardeberg Day.

President Lampman read a communication from the British Campaigners' association announcing that they would hold their annual Paardeberg Day entertainment, which would take the form of a concert, on the night of March 3rd, at the Victoria theatre. They asked for the support of the club, as a body and individually. This was laid on the table and on being considered later, the secretary was instructed to write in reply that the matter had been laid before the club's members and that they would respectively govern themselves as circumstances permitted.

New members were nominated and finally elected as follows: T. H. Leeming, E. Grahame Williams, James Burchell, Harry Hemming, and Dr. G. A. B. Hall.

Officers Elected.

The election of officers, which was next dealt with, resulted in the appointment of the appended: Honorary president, Hon. James Dunsmuir; president, A. E. McPhillips; first vice-president, Canon Beanlands; second vice-president, Dr. T. J. Jones; secretary-treasurer, Frank I. Clarke; literary secretary, A. E. Starr; committee, T. D. Veitch, Harold Robertson, L. H. Hardie, T. H. Slater, A. B. Fraser, jr.; W. J. Sutton, M.E.; J. K. Worsfold.

Retiring Officers.

The retiring officials of 1908, to whom was extended a hearty vote of thanks for their services, follow: Hon. president, Hon. James Dunsmuir; president, His Honor Judge Lampman; first vice, president, A. E. McPhillips, K.C.; second vice-president, Rev. Canon Beanlands; secretary-treasurer, Frank I. Clarke; literary secretary, J. H. Lawson, jr.; executive committee, A. W. McCurdy, Major Walsh, James Foreman, F. W. Jones, J. H. Lawson, jr.; Luke Pither, R. F. Taylor, D. Doig, T. W. Paterson.

James Forman and Hilton Keith were appointed auditors for the new term. A motion to that effect made by W. J. Hanna and seconded by H. D. Helmcken was carried unanimously.

B. C. Mess moved that hereafter the club's accounts be wound up on the 31st December of each year. This carried without dissension.

At this juncture Judge Lampman retired in favor of Mr. McPhillips, who acknowledged the honor accorded him in fitting terms. He announced that R. A. Jackson, of London, had given practical evidence of his interest in the organization by presenting it with a couple of splendid steel engravings of the heroes of Waterloo. As the club had no permanent quarters in which these could be placed it had been decided, he understood, to have them framed and hung in the legislative gallery at the parliament buildings. A hearty vote of thanks, on motion, was tendered Mr. Jackson.

Mr. Blakemore moved, seconded by Mr. Helmcken, that the executive endeavor to arrange for more frequent meetings during the forthcoming term. This passed.

Next Luncheon

It was stated by Mr. McCurdy that it is probable that at the next Canadian Club luncheon the members would have the pleasure of listening to A. C. Flumerfelt on British Columbia's future. That was a subject that Mr. Flumerfelt had studied. He had the figures at his finger tips and was sure would be able to give an entertainment and highly instructive discourse.

The question of the appropriateness of the present Canadian flag came in for some debate. It was contended by Canon Beanlands that it was rather absurd for British Columbia to insist on its display in view of the fact that it did not include the arms of British Columbia, nor, as a matter of fact, of any of the provinces with the exception of those of eastern Canada. The matter, he believed, was under consideration by the authorities and he hoped the time wasn't far distant when Canada would be given an ensign that would be truly representative.

Mr. McCurdy thought that this was something that might well be taken in hand by the Canadian club. They could arrange for a luncheon at which someone in touch with the question might deliver a paper on it. Then a resolution by the club might be forwarded to the Federal government. This was left in the hands of the executive.

Mr. McNeill stated, in this connection, that a public spirited citizen had undertaken to donate the Victoria college with a handsome flag pole which would be erected at an early date.

The meeting then adjourned.

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EAGLES' BALL

Tenth Annual Affair Attracted Large Crowd—Proves Success

The tenth annual masquerade ball of the Victoria Aerie of the Friendly Order of Eagles was held at Assembly hall last night, and was as successful a function as the past events of the Eagles. There was an attendance of over five hundred and the display of costumes was excellent. There were cavaliers and klootchmen; Hamlets and pierrots and pierrettes; jockeys and tramps, queens of day and queens of night, Tyrolese and South Sea Islanders, and a great totem pole, a walking section of an Indian reserve, perambulating beer bottles and cigars; Spanish grandees danced with veiled beauties of the Orient; and various other costumes. Some of the characterizations were most elaborate. A couple represented an airship; another wheeled a big barrow; and an organ grinder carried organ and had a comrade representing a monkey. There were, too, many representatives of commercial houses, a lady encased in a big cigar representing the Pride of the Island; another was cased in a big bottle representing Crystal Spring beer, and there were representatives of Brackman & Ker's cereals, the Victoria Coffee Mills, big B cigar, Sylvester Feed store, Swan Soap, Popham Bros., Capital Furniture company, Smith and Champion and others.

The committee in charge of the arrangements were P. Shandley, T. M. Brayshaw, T. G. Gold, J. H. Penketh, J. M. Hughes, F. Billinghurst, W. H. P. Sweeny and F. Leroy.

The prize winners were as follows:

Tombola prize for ladies; drophead White sewing machine—Mrs. McDonald.

Finest costumed lady; 1st, set of furs; 2nd, handsome table cover—1, Mrs. F. Billingsley; 2, Mrs. J. McDowell.

Finest costumed gentleman; large range—Mr. E. Baywell.

Best national character lady; McKinley rocker—Mr. N. H. Fletcher.

Best original character, gent, representing trade or profession; one year's subscription to Daily Colonist—C. Benson, representing Big B Cigar.

Best character, representing fraternal Order of Eagles, lady; silver tea set—Mrs. P. Shandley.

Best character, representing fraternal Order of Eagles, gentleman; gramaphone—V. Rolfe.

Best original character stock in trade, lady; lady's arm chair—Mrs. R. Archmont, representing Smith and Champion.

Best original character, stock in trade, gentleman; Morris chair—J. Wachter, as a totem pole (A. A. Aaronson).

Best sustained character, lady; handsome rocker—Mrs. M. Landry.

Best sustained character, gent; one year's subscription to Daily Times—T. Fisher, South Sea Islander.

Most comical character, lady; dinner set—Evalina Gastena, as a young lady seeking a husband.

Most comical character, gent; mahogany writing table—Geo. Rudd.

Lord Lucas' Report.

London, Feb. 15.—Lord Lucas declares that the colonies, hearing of the splendid outburst of enthusiasm in London, are considering the advisability of initiating a scheme akin to the territorial force.

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Cold Storage Destroyed.

Winnipeg, Feb. 17.—Fire destroyed the Hamm Brewing Company's cold storage plant at Beaurette, Minn., on the Canadian Northern Railway line. The station also caught fire several times, but was saved with little damage.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. A. B. Hiresh, from Boston, Mass., is in town for a few days.

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O. T. Goldsmith is visiting Puget Sound cities.

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Mr. A. Forrester came down from Nanaimo yesterday, and is staying at the Driard.

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Mr. F. H. Shepherd came down from Nanaimo yesterday and is staying at the King Edward.

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Mr. C. A. Smart, of Wild Rose, Wis., arrived in town last evening and is staying at the King Edward.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dickie came down from Duncans yesterday and are staying at the King Edward.

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Mr. D. A. Galbraith came down from Nanaimo yesterday and is staying at the Dominion.

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Mr. Wm. Milligan arrived in town last evening from Otter Point and is staying at the Dominion.

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Miss Mary Woodward arrived in town last evening from Butte, Montana, and is staying at the Dominion.

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Mr. M. Vanalstine, of Winnipeg, arrived in town last evening and it stopping at the Dominion.

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Mr. Wm. Sutherland, of San Francisco, arrived in town last evening and is stopping at the Balmoral.

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Mr. L. H. Garnett came down from Cobble Hill yesterday and is staying at the Balmoral.

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Mr. F. G. Billings, of the Gulf Lumber Co., Sidney, is in the Capital, registered at the Driard.

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Mr. J. Thompson, of Saanich, was among the outgoing passengers by the V. & S. railway yesterday afternoon.

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M. Birch, of Sidney, was in the city yesterday. He returned by the V. & S. on the afternoon train.

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Mr. F. C. Peck, of Nelson, arrived in town last evening, and is staying at the Empress.

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Mr. Geo. Bell came down from Enderby yesterday and is staying at the Empress.

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Mr. Frank Nase, of St. Louis, arrived in town last evening and is staying at the Empress.

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Mr. Charles A. Fraser, of Grand Forks, arrived in town last evening, and is staying at the Empress.

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Mr. Richard L. Grant, of Montreal, arrived in town last evening and is staying at the Empress.

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Miss D. Nelson, of Chicago, arrived in town last evening and is staying at the Empress.

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Mr. C. A. Calkins, of Calgary, arrived in town last evening and is staying at the Empress.

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Mr. W. D. Keyston, of San Francisco, arrived in town last evening and is staying at the Empress.

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Mr. R. J. Van Voorhuis of Sacramento, arrived in town last evening and is stopping at the Empress.

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Mr. C. B. Foster, of the C.P.R. staff at Vancouver, arrived in town last evening, and is at the Empress.

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Mr. Geo. W. Fournier, of Boston, arrived in town last evening, and is staying at the Empress.

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Mr. N. R. Boyd, of Carberry, arrived in town last evening and is staying at the Empress.

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Mrs. F. J. Barrow, of Sidney, left for home by the afternoon V. & S. train yesterday.

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Kenneth Duncan, of Duncan, is in the city on business. He is registered at the King Edward hotel.

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C. H. Dickie and wife, of Duncan, are at the King Edward. They came down by the E. & N. yesterday and expect to be here several days.

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Miss Muriel Green, who has been the guest of Mrs. H. W. Wilders for the past few weeks, leaves for her home in San Josa, Cal., on Friday.

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Miss Berquist, of Sidney, was visiting friends in the city yesterday. She left for home yesterday afternoon by the regular V. & S. train.

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Mrs. J. J. Billings, of Sidney, spent a few hours in the city yesterday, arriving by the morning V. & S. train and returning in the afternoon.

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Messrs. J. Booth and John Perry, who came down from Nanaimo yesterday, are stopping at the King Edward.

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Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery Stannard from California, are visitors to Victoria and intend spending a few weeks here.

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Mrs. W. A. Clark has returned to her home in the Terminal City, after enjoying a pleasant trip in the Capital.

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Mr. Harold Grant, M.E., sailed on Tuesday on the Shinano Maru for Japan, where he will be for the next few months on professional business.

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Mr. R. H. Stewart of Rossland, and Mr. L. H. Stewart, of London, Eng., arrived in town last evening, and are staying at the Empress.

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Mrs. Henry James Butterbalt from Chicago is visiting with friends in the city. She expects to return to Vancouver, where she has been staying for a few days before going home.

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John Perry, of Nanaimo, is at the King Edward. He reached the city at noon yesterday, being among the passengers of the incoming E. & N. train.

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Hedley Dart, of Golden, came over from the mainland yesterday and is registered at the King Edward. Mr. Dart is making a well-earned vacation tour of the coast cities.

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LABOR COUNCIL MEETS

Business of Routine Nature Transacted Last Night—Delegates Received

At the regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council held last evening in Labor Hall a report was received from the executive committee on the result of the negotiations with the city council relative to the insertion of a fair wage clause in all civic contract work and the establishment of an eight hour day. The city council has referred the matter to its legislative committee.

The question of day labor versus contract labor on civic works was referred to a special committee to act in conjunction with the executive committee. A report of the executive committee on the abolition of the revenue tax was laid over for future discussion.

A letter from Premier McBride was read, in which he stated that the council's suggestion that a statistical labor bureau be established would receive the government's earnest consideration. Communications from the Bond and Trust Company and the Laborers' Protective Union were read and considered.

R. N. Pettypiece, of Vancouver, addressed the meeting and was heartily received, and Delegate Wilson, a member of the Street Railway Employees Association in Vancouver, and vice-president Sayers of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council also addressed the meeting and were the recipients of a hearty vote of thanks

Credentials were presented by A. J. Birg, on behalf of the Letter Carriers' Union; by J. Marshall for the Bartenders' League; and by J. B. Lane, for the Bookbinders' Union.

JAIL BREAKER RECOGNIZED

Man Who Escaped From Vancouver Jail Two Years Ago Arrested Here

After breaking jail at Vancouver in February, 1906, and remaining at liberty ever since that time, Arthur Holly was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detective Clayards on Government Street. Since his escape Holly has been employed in the Yukon and also in the States. He arrived here two days ago from Seattle evidently unaware that the local police authorities possessed his photograph. It was through Detective Clayards recognizing him at the original of the photograph in the possession of the police here that Holly was apprehended. He will be held pending the arrival of an officer from Vancouver to take him back to jail.

ORANGEMEN MEET AT BANQUET BOARD

Speeches Delivered at Session Last Evening—Officers Elected

A very merry and enthusiastic assemblage of guests gathered around the tables in the A.O.U.W. hall last evening at the annual banquet of the Loyal Orangemen of the province of British Columbia. Bro. Geo. Grimson, of this city, the deputy grand master and chairman, had upon his right hand Bro. H. G. Taylor of Vancouver, the grand master; Rev. R. J. McIntyre and Bros. W. H. Brett, grand secretary; E. J. Clark, grand treasurer; W. T. Jago, deputy grand secretary; R. Mitchell, grand auditor, and E. C. B. Bagshawe; and upon his left hand,

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NATAL ACT DISALLOWED

Dominion Government's Action in Regard to Immigration Act of Last Session

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—An extra of the Canada Gazette issued today announced that the governor-general in council has disallowed the act of the British Columbia legislature of February 11 last, relating to immigration into that province. This is the measure which has been enacted session after session in British Columbia, for the past eight years, and is commonly known as the Natal Act.

It was held last year by the Supreme Court of British Columbia that this was unconstitutional and ultra vires of the legislature. The object of the Dominion government, however, in its formal disallowance is to make absolutely sure that the act will not be brought into force.

Under these circumstances it is not likely that there will be any appeal to the higher courts in regard to the constitutionality of the statute.

DEAD IN COAL MINE

Only Thirty-Seven Men Out of 147 Brought Alive Out of Colliery Near Newcastle

Newcastle, Eng., Feb. 17.—After rescue work had progressed all night in the shaft of the colliery at West Stanley, where a disastrous explosion occurred yesterday afternoon, the mine was cleared as far as the second level, where 32 men were found alive this morning. Most of them, however, were severely injured.

The rescuers reached the bottom level of the mine this afternoon without finding any further signs of life, but they did discover the bodies of a score of men who apparently had succumbed to afterdamp. Only 37 men have been brought up alive out of a total of 147.

Carleton Nomination

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—Edward Kidd, ex-M.P., carried the Carleton Conservative convention at Stittsville yesterday by a majority of sixteen over W. E. Garland, after three ballots had been cast.

Old Man's Hard Fate

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 17.—Because of a squabble between his sons and daughters as to who should settle for his keeping, Wm. Atkinson, 94 years of age, was taken to the police cells last night.

Prospectors Frozen

Toronto, Feb. 17.—Two mining prospectors have been frozen to death in the Gowganda silver district as a result of being unprepared for the weather conditions in the mad rush for riches.

Railway Men Prosecuted.

Guelph, Ont., Feb. 17.—Warrants have been issued for the arrest of Fireman Lane and Brakemen Jackson and Alexander in connection with the fatal collision near Harriston on Jan. 14th. They will probably be committed for trial at the assizes next week, along with Conductor Fleming and Engineer Kennedy.

Ontario Bank Assets.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—The assets of the defunct Ontario bank have already shown an increase of fully $180,000 over the estimated value. This means that, should no untoward circumstances arise, the loss, estimated at $670,000, will be reduced to $490,000, so that the shareholders are not likely to be called upon to pay more than fifty cents per share.

Vancouver Pioneer Dead

Vancouver, Feb. 17.—The death occurred yesterday at the family residence, 882 Richards street, of John Costello, aged 68. The deceased was an old pioneer of Vancouver and had resided here ever since the big fire in 1886. A widow, two sons and seven daughters are left.

Dominion Rifle Association.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—The annual report of the Dominion Rifle Association shows that the receipts for the year were $26,238.65, and the expenditures $26,679.07. The increased expenditure is due to paying half of the cost of altering and improving Rockliffe ranges last summer. The attendance at the D. R. A. meet in 1908 was considerably less than in the previous year.

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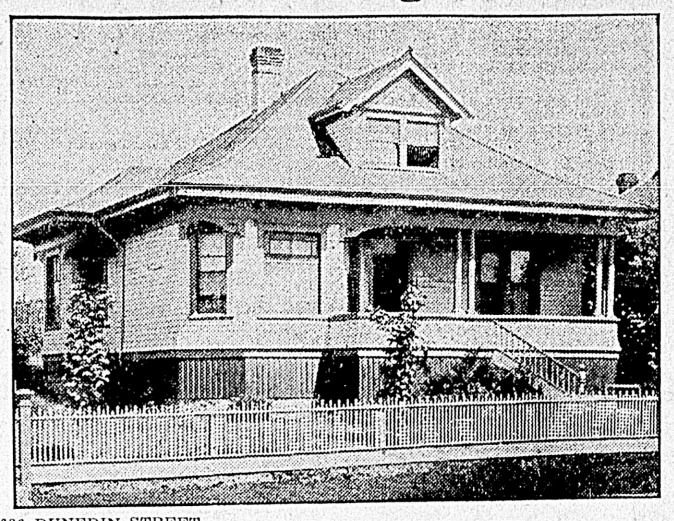

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WANTED—Bright boy to do office work apply Colonist Office. f17

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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Licensing Board at its next sitting for a transfer of the retail liquor license for the premises known as the "Albion Saloon," situate on the corner of Yates Street and Waddington Alley, Victoria, B. C., to John Clovis.

Dated this 5th day of February, 1909.

W. J. RICHARDSON,
By his attorney in fact,
A. W. BRIDGMAN.

THE CONTINENTAL POWER COMPANY, LIMITED

TAKE NOTICE that the Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of the Continental Power Company, Limited, will be held at the office of Bodwell & Lawson, No. 918 Government Street, in the City of Victoria, the Registered Office of the Company, on Monday, the 1st day of March, 1909, at the hour of 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated this 8th day of February, 1909.

M. A. MELLON, Secretary.

NOTICE

In the Matter of the Estate of John Graham Cox, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Trustees and Executors Act that all creditors of the estate of said Deceased are required on or before the 17th day of February, A. D. 1909, to send particulars of their claims duly verified to the undersigned, solicitors for Frank Adams and William Cox Executors of the said estate; and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness to the undersigned forthwith.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 16th day of January, A. D. 1909.

DRAKE, JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
Barristers and Solicitors
542 Bastion St.,
Victoria, B. C.

Notice of Removal

Having been a resident of the City of Victoria for the last twenty-eight years following my occupation of Carriage Truck and Wagon Maker, Blacksmith and Wheelwright, I take this opportunity of thanking my patrons for the liberal support accorded me during the time mentioned.

WM. GRIMM.

As my sons have recently joined me under the firm name of Wm. Grimm and Sons, we beg to inform you, and the public generally, that finding the premises occupied by us too contracted for our increasing business, we have removed from Herald street to our new and commodious carriage factory, lately erected by us on Pembroke street between Government and Douglas streets fitted up with all the latest modern machinery in use in our business, with a large elevator, run by a 15-h.p. motor, and we solicit your support as during the past years, and the favors of all new customers, guaranteeing satisfaction in all our work, both new and repairing.

Notice to Creditors

IN THE MATTER of the "Companies Winding-Up Act, 1898," Chapter 14, Statutes of British Columbia.

Lenz & Leiser, Limited, in Liquidation.

Notice is hereby given that by an Extraordinary Resolution of the members of Lenz & Leiser, Limited, passed at a general meeting of the members of the company, held in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, on the 25th January, 1909, it was resolved that the above company be voluntarily wound-up under the provisions of the above Statute and the undersigned has been duly appointed Liquidator for the purpose of winding-up the affairs of the said company and distributing the property thereof. All creditors of the Company are required to deliver to the undersigned before the 31st March, 1909 full particulars of their claims verified by statutory declaration. After such date the undersigned will proceed to distribute the assets of the company according to law.

Dated the 26th day of January, 1909.

MOSES LENZ.
Liquidator.

NOTICE

On and after Feb. 10th inst., Kung, Yuen and Co., of 1717 Government St., will not be responsible for any business transacted by their late manager, Lew Cone Mee.

(Sgd.) LEW GING WO,
Manager.

NOTICE

Edmonton Road, between Fernwood Road and Richmond Road, is closed to vehicular traffic.—By Order,

C. H. TOPP, City Engineer.

THE STUART ROBERTSON CO

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SHERIFF'S SALE

Under and by virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia in an action wherein Pitt & Peterson are plaintiffs and Vancouver Copper Company, defendants, I have seized and taken possession of all the goods and chattels of the defendant company, situate at Mount Sicker, Vancouver Island, consisting of 3 Shay geared locomotives with ore cars, picks, shovels, steel, etc., furniture and contents of Mount Sicker hotel, also large quantities of cord wood. I will offer the said goods and chattels, or a sufficent portion thereof, for sale at public action, on the premises, Mount Sicker, on Saturday, the 9th day of May, 1908, at 2 o'clock p.m. Terms of sale cash. F. Richards. Sheriff for the County of Victoria for and on behalf Sheriff County of Nanaimo.

Sheriff's Office, Victoria, May 1, 1908.

NOTICE

The above sale is postponed to a date to be fixed. F. G. RICHARDS.
Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Victoria, June 10, 1908.

NOTICE is hereby given that I, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners in and for the City of Victoria at its next sitting for a transfer of the liquor license now held by me to sell wines and spirituous liquors by retail at the premises known as the Hotel Canada, and being No. 1320 Broad Street, in the City of Victoria, Province of British Columbia, said hotel being situate on Victoria city lots 159a and 160a to John Temple.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 14th day of January, 1909.

EDWIN JAMES SMITH.

TAKE NOTICE that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria at the next sitting of the board for a transfer of the license now held by me to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail on the premises known as the "King's Head Saloon," number 562 Johnson street, Victoria, B. C., to George Washington Henry Francis Bruggy and further take notice that I intend to apply to the board at the same time for permission to change the name of the said "King's Head Saloon" to the "Emperor Hotel."

Dated this third day of February, A. D. 1909. CHAS. HANBURY.

NOTICE

I will not be responsible for any accounts against the Skating Rink contracted before February 12th, 1909.

H. A. FREDERICK.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that we, the undersigned, intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, at the next sitting of the board for a transfer of the liquor license held by the late Donald C. McKinnon, to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail on the premises known as the Imperial Hotel, situate at the corner of View and Douglas streets, Victoria, B. C., to John Devine Norrish.

Dated 29th January, 1909.

COLIN McKINNON,
HARRY L. ADOLPH,
R. L. McKINNON,
Executors of the Estate of Donald C. McKinnon.

CIVIC NOTICE

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria having determined that it is desirable to construct permanent sidewalk on the following streets, namely:—on

1. Pine street, both sides, between Craigflower Road and Dominion Road.
2. Garbally Road, north side, from Gorge Road to the westerly boundary lines of lot A 1.
3. Queens Avenue, south side, between Blanchard Avenue and Quadra Street.
4. Pembroke Street, north side, between Chambers Street and Cook Street.

Also to construct boulevards, (including maintenance) with curbs and gutters, on both sides of

5. John Street, between Government Street and Pleasant Street, also to grade, drain and tar, macadamize.
6. Pemberton Road, from Fort Street to Rockland Avenue, and to construct a permanent sidewalk of concrete on the east side of said road from the end of the present walk southerly to Rockland Avenue, and on the west side of said road from the end of the present walk southerly to the road entering Carberry Gardens, to construct a boulevard (including maintenance) with curb and gutter from there to Rockland Avenue;

And that each and all of said work shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the "Local Improvement General By-Law," and amendment thereto, and the City Engineer and City Assessor having reported to the Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the said by-law, upon each and every of said works of local improvement, giving statements, showing the amounts estimated to be chargeable in each case against the various portions of real property to be benefited by the said works, and the reports of the City Engineer and City Assessor aforesaid having been adopted by the Council,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said reports are open for inspection at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas Street.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.

Victoria, B. C., City Clerk's Office, February 17, 1909.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the reserve on Lot 29A, Range 4, Coast District, is cancelled.

R. A. RENWICK,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Lands and Works Dept.,
Victoria, B. C., 15th October, 1908.

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE.

Notice is hereby given that the reserve covering the fractional sections 31, 32 and 33, Denman Island, notice of which was published in the British Columbia Gazette of October 21st, 1876, is cancelled.

ROBERT. A. RENWICK.
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., December 17, 1908.

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE

Notice is hereby given that the reserve existing on Lot 7,946, Group 1, Kootenay, by virtue of the notice dated December 24th, 1908, and appearing in the British Columbia Gazette of December 27th, 1907, is cancelled for the purpose of effecting a sale of said lot to Edgar S. Home.

ROBT. A. RENWICK.
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B. C., December 17, 1908.

FERRY, BELLA COOLA RIVER

SEALED applications for a charter to operate a ferry over the Bella Coola river, about 25 miles above the mouth, will be received by the Honorable the Minister of Public Works up to and including the first day of March next.

Applicants must state the kind and size of vessel it is proposed to use, the method of operating and the tolls which it is proposed to levy for the carriage of passengers, horses, vehicles and cattle, etc. F. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engineer.

Department of Public Works,
Victoria, B. C., 7th January, 1909.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

SEALED TENDERS, Superscribed "Tenders for Septic Tank, etc.," will be received by the Hon. the Minister of Public Works up to noon of Monday the 22nd of February, 1909, fo the erection and completion of a Lavatory, Septic Tank, etc., for the Government Buildings, Alberni, B. C.

Plans, specification, contract and forms of tender may be seen on and after the 8th day of February, 1909 at the office of the Government Agent, Alberni; and at the Public Works Department, Victoria, B. C.

Each proposal must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the Honorable the Minister of Public Works for a sum equivalent to ten per cent. of the amount of the tender, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering decline to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. The cheque or certificates of deposit of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.

Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied, signed with the actual signature of the tenderer, and enclosed in the envelopes furnished.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

F. C. GAMBLE,
Public Works Engineer.

Department of Works
Victoria, B. C., 2nd February, 1909.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Ironwork, Columbia River Bridge, at Revelstoke, B. C.

SEALED TENDERS, endorsed "Tenders for Wrought and Cast Iron, per pound," will be received by the undersigned up to and including the 8th day of February next, for the manufacture and delivery, f. o. b. cars at Revelstoke, all the ironwork for the above bridge as called for in the Bills of Iron and Drawings exhibited.

Specifications, drawings, bills of iron, forms of contract and tender, may be seen at the office of the Public Works Engineer, Victoria, B. C.; the office of the Provincial Timber Inspector, Vancouver, B. C.; and at the office of the Government Agent, Revelstoke, B. C. on and after January 25th, next.

Each proposal must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque, or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the undersigned, in the sum of nine hundred ($900.00) dollars, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering decline to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. The cheques or certificates of deposit of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract. Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms of tender supplied, signed with the actual signature of the tenderer and enclosed in the envelope furnished.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. F. C. GAMBLE.
Public Works Engineer.

Department of Public Works,
Victoria, B. C., Jan 29, 1909.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

IN THE MATTER of the Estate of Jerome E. Church, Deceased.

Pursuant to the order of the Honorable, The Chief Justice, dated 10th February, 1909, all persons who have not already sent in their claims against the Estate of Jerome E. Church, Deceased, properly verified by oath or statutory declaration, are requested to send same properly verified to the undersigned at the Law Courts, Victoria, B. C., before 11th March, next.

Dated 12th February, 1909.

B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE,
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NOTICE

I hereby give notice that I have severed my connection with the Victoria Steam Laundry as from February 16, 1909. Mr. H. Bickerdike assumes all assets and liabilities.

AUGUST VOELPEL.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners at their next sitting as a Licensing Court, for a transfer to Arthur Knowles Vaughan of my license for the sale of wines and liquors by retail upon the premises situate and numbered 547 Bastion street, in the City of Victoria, and known as the "Garrick's Head" Saloon.

WM. H. BELL.

Dated this 11th day of January, 1909.

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Geo. Gillespie, Manager Victoria Branch.

BUDGET SPEECH IN LEGISLATURE

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in 1908 found a market in the prairie provinces, a considerable quantity went to Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand took some large lots, and the balance was sold locally. This residue or balance, saved from the outside demand by no means satisfied the needs of the home market, and no stronger argument can be used in favor of British Columbia as a field for fruit growing than the fact that, in spite of the large crop of last year, about 1,000 tons of apples alone were imported into this province from Oregon and Washington. That may be a surprise and a source of regret to some, but I am pleased to say there were compensating reasons for this large importation of fruit. In the first place our growers secured better prices by sending their apples out of the province and placing them in competition with fruit from eastern Canada and the States, and secondly, the local market was supplied with apples purchased in Oregon and Washington because the prices current in those states were much less—in some cases one-half lower—than those prevailing in British Columbia.

"The success won by our fruit in Great Britain for several years past was more than maintained in 1908. Exhibits were made in many cities in England, Scotland and Ireland, and at every place the highest honors were awarded. Gold, silver and bronze medals, and diplomas of merit were won by the province for the exhibit as a whole and by district associations and individual growers. Lectures on British Columbia illustrated bp animated pictures, were delivered at several horticultural shows and attracted large and interested audiences. The value of these exhibitions and lectures is shown by the increased number of personal and written inquiries received by the agent general, the department of agriculture and the bureau of provincial information, from well to do people who contemplate setting up in fruit growing in the province. They also served to direct widespread attention to British Columbia and its advantages through the flattering notices which appeared in all the principal newspapers of the United Kingdom.

"The triumph awarded British Columbia fruit in the Motherland, fell short, in a sense, of the remarkable success achieved at Spokane, where British Columbia apples in competition with fruit from the Pacific coast states of the United States, won out of fourteen entries, thirteen first prizes and one second. Other prizes awarded were one silver cup and two medals. Cash prizes amounting to $4,423 were won by Mr. F. R. DeHart, of Kelowna.

"Two British Columbia ladies, Mrs. J. Smith, of Spence's Bridge, and Mrs. E. Lowe, of Keremeos, also won prizes. The winning of these prizes is a magnificent tribute to the superior qualities of British Columbia fruit—one that cannot possibly be questioned by the most exacting critics—and establishes this province among the premier apple growing countries of the world.

Fruit Trees Planted.

"During the year a number of fruit trees were planted in the valleys of what we have been calling the "northern interior," but which is really central British Columbia, for one must travel many miles beyond the Skeena before he reaches the northern limits of the province. In Bulkley valley, apple and other fruit trees in their third and fourth years are doing well, while at Hazelton and other points on the Skeena, between 54 and 55 north, the production of fruit has passed the experimental stage, the trees yielding large crops of excellent fruit every year. A member of the board of horticulture who made a special examination of the Kitsumkalum valley, pronounces it well adapted to fruit growing, so that we may hope in a few years to see new British Columbia rivalling the southern districts in the excellence of the produce of its orchards.

"Some pessimists have worried themselves over the fate which awaits our fruit growers when the day of overproduction dawns, but that day is very far distant. I have already mentioned the inadequacy of the existing orchards to supply the demand and when I add that of the thousands of car loads of fruit entering the prairie provinces yearly, barely 10 per cent. is furnished by this province, you will readily recognize the fallacy of such a contention. For some unexplained reason the apple crop of the United States especially in the eastern states, has been decreasing steadily of late years, and as the choicest of the fruit grown on the Atlantic seaboard is exported to Great Britain, the home market has to depend upon the middle west and the irrigated lands of the western and Pacific states for its supply.

Condition of Mining

"The depression which followed close in the wake of the financial panic, crippled many of the world's great industries, and checked the demand for raw materials generally, had a damaging effect upon the mining industry. Prices of silver, lead and copper fell below the average of recent years, so that the values of production of these metals were materially reduced. Thus, while the tonnage of ore mined and smelted was considerably greater than in former years—in copper the increase being over seven million pounds—the total cash returns show a decided falling off. The Fernie fire contributed to this result by lessening the output of coal and coke and interrupting the operation of some of the smelters. The value of mineral products is estimated by the provincial mineralogist at $24,829,252, the figure for 1907 being $25,882,560.

The Lumber Industry

"With regard to the lumber industry we are aware that the short crop of 1907, coincident with the financial panic in the United States, and overproduction in logging and manufacture—a production, by the way, which would have been normal in other circumstances—brought on a period of dullness from which the industry is but now emerging. Contrary to all expectations, the past year was one of the most unsatisfactory in the history of the lumber business. The situation on the coast was relieved by the demand from abroad, but the mountain mills carrying large stocks for which there were no buyers suffered considerable loss. The outlook for the coming spring and summer is very encouraging. Prices of logs have increased and they are in good demand, and the splendid crops harvested in the prairie provinces and the consequent renewal of confidence, coupled with the rapid increase of settlement east of the mountains will, it is expected, speedily restore the industry to a satisfactory standing and enable those interested to derive a fair profit as well as recoup the losses sustained during the slack time. The imposition of a duty on rough lumber imported from the United States would help our lumbermen very materially and the advisability of amending the tariff in that respect is being strongly urged upon the Dominion Government. The rapid denudition of the forests of the United States has caused a persistent demand for free Canadian lumber, and if the concession be granted by congress the industry here will be greatly benefited, as many United States capitalists holding timber in this province will be encouraged to establish saw mills and factories on this side of the border.

"The figures of timber cut on provincial lands for the twelve months ending December 31st, 1908, show a total of 560,364,560 feet. The quantities cut on Dominion lands in the Railway belt and on the E. & N. lands on Vancouver Island are not yet available, but assuming that they are up to the average of former years, the total cut will not equal that of 1907. At the close of that year there were estimated to be 170,000,000 feet of logs in the water and about 100,000,000 feet in the woods, while at the end of 1908 the supply of logs was only 70,000,000 feet. The log scaling returns for 1908 show a total of 403,273,539, more than a hundred million less than in 1907.

"The difference in logs felled and ready for manufacture accounts for the short cut of 1908, and the recent rise in the price of logs indicates a growing demand which can only be met by a busy season in the woods.

Timber Licences

"The Government has been criticised in some quarters for making the life of a timber licence twenty-one years. It has been argued that this policy will have the effect of destroying the forests, as it will encourage loggers to cut only the larger trees and work great havoc in the process, and that in the interests of forest preservation the licence should be made renewable for twice the period of perpetually.

I can assure you that the government is most desirous of perpetuating the forests and its earnest wish is to devise some plan which will accomplish that end. The question is a grave one, which calls for the most careful consideration and it is the ambition of this government to inaugurate a system which will meet the requirements of the future as well as those now existing. To this end I feel confident every member of this House will consider it a privilege as well as a duty to assist the government, for the final adjustment of this question will be the most important item of legislation ever enacted by a British Columbia parliament. The law must be framed so that the existing lumber interests will be protected in their rights while operating under regulations which will insure the preservation and perpetuation of our forest wealth. Forest preservation has become a world problem in which the future well-being of the whole human race is involved. It would be idle to assume that this government or this house can solve it off-hand, but we can study the methods adopted in other countries and profiting by their experience begin in a right way towards working out a solution. All efforts in the way of forest preservation so far have been confined to the prevention of forest fires, and I am happy to say that good work has been done by the fire wardens, but the time is almost ripe for the organization of a department of forestry with trained officials who would guard the forests against waste and attend to the work of reforestation, and it is in this connection that a sum has been placed on the estimates for the expense of a commission to investigate the existing conditions.

"The big event of the year in the fishing industry was the very large catch of herrings. The returns are not yet to hand, but an idea of the importance which this branch of the fisheries has attained may be grasped from the fact that 20,000 tons were caught at Nanaimo alone during the season just closed. These fish were all caught "in shore," the only method so far used on this coast, and one that is condemned by old country experts who claim that these herrings are 'spent fish' and very inferior in size and quality to those caught in deep water. If this contention is correct, measures must be taken to encourage deep sea fishing. Meantime the catch has increased from nine million pounds in 1905 to forty million pounds in 1908 and over $500,000 has been added to the value of our fisheries output. Many complaints have been made by herring fishers that the regulations with regard to nets, etc., were being openly violated by Japanese who, it is alleged, are driving the whites out of the business through their illegal practices. The enforcement of existing regulations rests with the Dominion government and no doubt the grievances, if any exist, will be remedied upon proper representations being made to the officials of the fisheries department.

"The salmon pack, although 1909 was not a big year, totalled 542,226 cases, as against 547,459 cases in 1907, a slight decrease, made up, however, by the increase in the quantities frozen, salted and pickled for export, and the better prices obtained for the canned fish. If the traditions of the salmon fisheries are not astray, 1909 will be a record year, as according to all precedent, it should witness a big run of fish and tax the handling capacity of the canneries to the fullest extent.

Additional Cruisers

"The halibut and whale fisheries have had a prosperous year, though, owing to a fall in the price of whale oil the profit derived from the latter was not up to expectations. The announcement that the Dominion will provide additional cruisers for the protection of the halibut and other deep sea fisheries is welcome news, as a rigid enforcement of the law will turn a large amount of money annually to Canada which now helps to enrich our enterprising but aggressive neighbors. When we consider that in one year thirty-nine million pounds of halibut, a very large percentage of which was caught in British Columbia waters, were landed at Seattle, and only thirteen million pounds at Vancouver, none will dispute the desirability of enforcing the law with as little loss of time as possible.

"The revival in every department of industry, following the period of depression through which the United States and, in a lesser degree, Canada passed in 1907, is strongly reflected upon the affairs of British Columbia, so that the march of events with us is moving at a quick pace. New enterprises no longer hang fire for want of capital, the demand for agricultural, coal and mining lands are more numerous than ever before, promising a large increase in the population and the settlement of many thousands of acres of our waste lands. One has but to read the announcements in the press from day to day to realize that "things are happening" in the industrial life of our country. Since this House was called together two incidents have transpired which mark an epoch in the business history of our province. On Feb. 1, 8,000 bushels of Alberta wheat left Vancouver for Mexico, the first westward shipment of grain for export, and on the 15th one of the steamers of the Chargeurs Reunis, a French company, which has recently established a regular passenger and freight service between our ports and those of Great Britain and France, took from our shores 45,000 bushels of Alberta red winter wheat.

The importance and significance of these shipments would be difficult to estimate, but when one considers that the land immediately tributary to every mile of railway in Alberta contributes 50,000 bushels of grain which is now shipped to the Atlantic seaboard, it needs no great stretch of imagination to foresee the immense possibilities which the future holds for our shipping interests. The Canadian Pacific Railway and the Chargeurs Reunis have quoted rates from points in Alberta to Liverpool which will insure a great saving to the farmers on their wheat and, when proper inspection is established, that wheat will be landed in its purity in the Old Country as there will be no chance of its being mixed with inferior grain. Settlers are pouring into Alberta by the thousands and in a very few years her crops will reach gigantic figures, so that present lines of railway and steamships will be quite insufficient to handle them. New railways and new ships must be provided to meet the changing conditions and as the shortest route to the markets of the world is by way of British Columbia and the Pacific, we may look for great development in railways and shipping in the coming years. The shipping business has increased wonderfully on this coast during the past few years. In 1903 the total number of sea-going vessels entering our ports was 2,739, with a total tonnage of 2,060,879 tons, while in 1908, 3,558 ships arrived, having a tonnage of 3,116,225 tons, an increase in five years of 50 per cent. The increase in the coasting trade is also remarkable, showing in the five years an increase of 2,706 vessels and 1,059,526 tons. What then may we not anticipate when the Alberta-British Columbia, the "A. B. C. Route"—is established. For one ship employed now, scores will be needed, as well as hundreds of locomotives and thousands of cars, and lines of elevators will occupy the waterfronts of our harbors. Further, one does not require to be a prophet to see in the not distant future, big shipyards and steel works established in which those ships, and locomotives and cars and the rails on which they run will be built in British Columbia, for we have the raw materials in abundance and when the necessity arises, capital will be forthcoming to exploit them." (Applause.)

Montana Anti-Asiatic

Helena, Mont., Feb. 16.—After having canvassed the house thoroughly, Representative Norton of Silver Bow tonight announced that the memorial of which he is the author, asking that congress continue in force the Chinese Exclusion Act and enlarge its scope to include all Mongolians, would pass the house by a large majority.

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"I suffered from a severe attack of the grippe which left me in a weakened condition with bronchitis, a soreness in my chest and a hacking cough. I tried different physicians and took nearly every kind of cough syrup sold on the market without getting any permanent relief. I saw your cod liver and iron preparation—Vinol—advertised, and decided to try it, and it completely cured my bronchial trouble and restored my strength. I cannot say too much for Vinol, as I received inexpressible benefit from its use, and I consider it one of the greatest blessings ever offered to the public." R. E. R. Hicks, Maplesville, Ala.

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ORANGEMEN MEET AT BANQUET BOARD

(Continued from Page Eleven)

Bros. D. C. McLaren, past grand master; Dr. Thos. Jeffs, past grand master; E. Sherritt, past grand master, and J. W. Whiteley, grand organizer.

The toast of His Majesty King Edward having been honored in the most loyal and enthusiastic fashion, the guests heartily singing God Save the King and giving three hearty cheers with a rousing tiger, the chairman said: "I will now, gentlemen, ask you to refill your glasses and drink to the glorious, the pious and the immortal memory of King William the Third of Great Britain and Ireland and Prince of Orange. (Cheers.) This toast had a brilliant reception, and the more ordinary toast list were then taken up.

First in this order came the health of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of British North America, coupled with the name of Bro. John Dillworth, a past grand master of the province of Manitoba. The guests sang, "For they are all jolly good fellows," and Mr. Dillworth, in his reply stated inter alia that he believed he was the very first Orangeman who stepped upon the soil of Manitoba, while he was amongst the first men who organized a L. O. lodge west of the Great Lakes.

Recalling the wonderful memories which are eternally connected with the murder of Bro. Thos. Scott at Fort Garry, where the city of Winnipeg now proudly stands, and whom he had personally known, he explained that he, too, had been in gaol at that very time, and he, too, had been sentenced to death, although, of course, this sentence had never been carried into effect. (Hear, hear and laughter.) They had, moreover, afterwards built a hall to the revered memory of true and faithful to the very death, Bro. Scott. (Cheers.)

A Theory of Scott's Murder

Now, why was this loyal British subject singled out to be shot? He believed that it was for no other reason than that he had brought out to Manitoba his membership certificate from his lodge in the east and that because this certificate having been found among his effects death had followed. F. W. Donahue, who was closely identified with the fortunes of the infamous Louis Riel, was an Irish Fenian, at whose instigation this death sentence had been passed and carried into execution. (Hear, hear.)

Four other Orangemen were at that time incarcerated in this same gaol; his brother, two others and himself, but their L. O. L. membership certificates had not been discovered, although if their trunks had been searched these fatal evidences would assuredly have been found. (Hear, hear.) It was said by some persons that the day for the utility of the great Orange order had for ever passed, but he could assure them from the depths of his experience and of his convictions that never in the whole history of the world-wide British Empire had there existed so much reason for the Protestants of Canada to band themselves together and work heartily and in unison for their acknowledged and patriotic objects. (Cheers.) He also recalled some incidents which were connected with the tragedy of Fort Garry. He had, for instance, been one of 600 who at least called themselves men and who, although they had volunteered for the purpose of releasing the prisoners who were held in custody by Riel and his gang of rebels when it came to the call to seize their rifles and get under arms, dwindled down to the pitiful number of 13; and the very man who had most infamously betrayed their intentions to Riel and his fellow confederates and conspirators was at this very moment living in this good city of Victoria. (Hear, hear.)

From the number of 13 they had however grown to 33, when they reached their destination at the fort; and as their paucity in numbers absolutely prevented any other course they had purposed making a night attack, but were foiled in this in consequence of the treachery of a certain contemptible person, whose name he however declined to mention, but who had given away their whole scheme to the French. But if he had had at his back even so many as 50 of the kind of men who were to be found in abundance in the splendid old county of Bruce, away down in dear old Ontario, he could and would have easily succeeded in accomplishing the particular object which they had had in view. (Cheers).

Features of Order

Brother H. G. Taylor, the Worshipful Grand Master, in responding to the toast to the health of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, emphasized the mots prominent features of the order which was founded upon the broad principles of Equal Rights to All and of Special Privileges to None (cheers.) One flag, one school system and one official language (cheers.) During the past year alone the membership of the order had increased within the bounds of this province fully 30 per cent, and with the aid of the efficient organizer, whom they had the great good fortune to engage, he was quite convinced that during the present year this increase would reach the very gratifying figures of from 40 to 50 per cent (cheers). Many people had very erroneous ideas in respect to the aims of the order, being under the impression that during their assemblies they were actively engaged in conspiring against the Roman Catholic church (hear, hear) but this was by no means and not at all the case. (Applause.) They had, indeed, no quarrel of any sort with this church if it would keep in its own place in the state. (Applause.) Although with less than this and the absolute separation of church and state they would never be satisfied. (Applause.)

Past Grand Master McLaren held that the only arms and the only ammunition which they would ever be called upon to use in the defence of their undoubted rights and unquestionable privileges were to be found in the ballot box. (Applause.)

Brother Whiteley responded at some length and with much force to the toast of the evening, "The Loyal Orange Association in the Dominion of Canada," laying special emphasis upon the fact that every member of this association was a true and loyal subject of the King and of the country to which he belonged (cheers.) Statistics proved the gratifying fact that of the total number of men who composed the First Contingent which was sent to South Africa 55 per cent. were either Orangemen or the sons of Orangemen (cheers.) That grand and mighty old statesman, Sir John Alexander Macdonald (cheers) was a member of the Orange association, (cheers) who amid the most solemn and the most memorable circumstances had most emphatically declared, "A British subject I was born and a British subject I will die." (Loud cheering.) While that other magnificent statesman and Orangeman, N. Clark Wallace, had taught them to serve principle first and party afterwards. (Cheers.) This had been one of the best Grand Lodges which had ever been held in the Province of British Columbia (applause) and further, one of the very best that he had ever attended in his life (cheers.) They all stood for two great and grand principles: the open Bible and loyalty to the King and the Empire (cheers.)

The guests then lustily sang: "Britannia Rules the Waves."

The remaining toasts upon the programme were "The Royal True Blues," Brother Langford, the Worshipful Grand Master of the True Blues of this city, responding. "The Beautiful Capital City of Victoria," Brother John Braden, Past District Master, responding. "Brother Controller H. C. Hocken," the Editor of the Orange Sentinel in the splendid and most thoroughly loyal city of Toronto, Brother Rev. Mr. McIntyre responding. "The Press and Our Hosts," Brother A. J. Brace responding.

Songs were contributed during the evening by Messrs. J. T. Evans, James Graham, W. T. Jago, and the proceedings closed towards midnight with the singing of "God Save the King" and three cheers for the chairman.

The tables were waited on by Mesdames J. C. Jessop, Russell, Wescott, J. E. Musgrave, J. A. Scott, W. J. Bowden, N. J. Ledingham, R. L. Ledingham, B. Bailey and S. J. Deak; Miss Edith Howell and Miss Jean Hendry; Messrs. H. Godfrey, J. B. McCallum, Owen Lindsdale, Jesse E. Stokes, Fred K. Harding, Albert Mason, Hugh Macdonald and A. J. Brace.

Elect Officers

The Grand Orange Lodge of British Columbia elected the following officers at their meeting here yesterday: Right Worshipful Grand Master, H. G. Taylor, Vancouver; Deputy Grand Master, Rev. R. J. McIntyre, Summerland; Assistant Grand Master, G. J. Grimason, Victoria; Grand Chaplain, Rev. Mr. Thorpes, Vernon; Grand Treasurer, E. J. Clarke, Vancouver; Grand Lecturer, R. G. Patterson, New Westminster; Director of Ceremonies, H. M. Abercrombia, Vancouver; Deputy Grand Secretary, W. T. Jago, Vancouver; Grand Auditors, R. Mitchell and G. Schofield, Vancouver; Deputy Grand Chaplains, Rev. A. J. Brace, Victoria; Dr. Reid, New Westminster; Merton Smith, Vancouver, and Newton Fowell, Upper Country; Most Worshipful Deputy Grand Lecturer of British America, H. Macdonald, Victoria.

Several members were placed on the roll of honorary members of the Grand Lodge. The sum of $100 was donated to the sanitarium at Tranquille.

The reports of the committees as received proved most favorable. The sessions were highly successful.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

DIED.

HOPE—At St. Joseph's hospital, on the 17th inst., Jane Reid, a native of Scotland, and beloved wife of Rutherford Hope, Pender Island. A short service will be held at Hanna's Undertaking rooms on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The interment will take place on Pender Island on Saturday.

CLARK—In this city on the 16th inst., at the family residence, 952 Johnson street, Jane Stirling, beloved wife of James S. Clark, late of Japan, aged 66 years. A native of Scotland.

The funeral will take place from the address as above, today at 2:15 p. m., and 2:30 at St. John's Church.

Interment in Ross Bay cemetery.

Friends will please accept this intimation.

Japan, China, Spanish and Home papers please copy.

BOORMAN—In this city, on the 16th inst. at the family residence, 1328 Alfred street, William Scoones Boorman, a native of Wandsworth, England, in his 67th year.

The funeral will take place from the residence as above on Thursday afternoon, February 18, at 3 o'clock.

Friends will please accept this intimation.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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NOVELTY CONCERT — Next Friday evening at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church schoolroom. A splendid entertainment for both old and young. Good music combined with fun. Come and have a good laugh. Commences at 8:15. Tickets, 25 cents. Can be obtained from the choir members or at Waitt's music store. f17

FOR SALE—Kitchen stove and carpets, the cottage to let, at 1125 Yates St. f17

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FOR SALE—Good 5 acre fruit and chicken ranch, Gordon Head Road. 7-room bungalow, young orchard over three hundred trees bearing, strawberries and other small fruit, for price and particulars apply to G. A. Ringland, Mt. Tolmie. f18

LOST—On Tuesday, between Hillside Ave. and Pandora St., spectacles in hinged case, reward 50c.; return to Miss Woods, 1028 Pandora Ave. f18

LOST—Nearly black Jersey cow, heavy in calf, $5.00 reward; apply James Pim, Glanford Ave, Royal Oak. f18

YOUN MAN, resident desires to keep small sets of books, nominal charge. Box 372 Colonist. f18

MRS. HOBBIS—Furnished rooms and board; piano, phone, "Bellevue," Quebec St., first house from Government buildings. f18

TO LET—Furnished room, heated, modern new house. 321 Michigan St. f18

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TO RENT—Four unfurnished rooms; wood and water included; close to beach and car; $12 per month. 377, Colonist. f18

FOR SALE—121 acres, Cowichan, not far from bay. Would take house and lot in Victoria as part payment. Geo. Bartlett, Cowichan Bay, B. C. f18

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City Hall, Feb. 11, 1909.

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50c and 65c Linoleums, 35c

300 Yards Printed Linoleums in a good assortment of colorings and designs, including blue and white and green and white bathroom tiles. Regular 50c and 65c per square yard. Friday, per square yard .. .. **35¢**

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$30.00 Brussels Carpet Squares, $20.00

15 Only best grade English Brussels Carpet Squares, in reds, greens, blues and fawns, in a variety of designs. Size 11 ft. 3 in x 12 ft. Regular $30.00 each. Friday, each **$20.00**

$11.25 All-Wool Carpet Squares, $7.90

10 Only All-Wool Reversible Carpet Squares, in an assortment of colorings and designs. Size 9 ft. x 9 ft. Regular $11.25 each. Friday, each **$7.90**

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10 Dozen Brass Extension Rods, can be adjusted to any window up to 50 in. Regular 25c. each. Friday, each ..**15¢**

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5 Dozen Pairs Brass Pole Ends, in a variety of designs, suitable for 1½ and 2 inch poles. Regular, per pair, 50c. Friday, per pair .. .. **25¢**

50c Brass Pole Brackets, 25c

5 Dozen Pairs Brass Pole Brackets, in 1½ and 2 inch sizes. Regular 50c per pair. Friday, per pair .. ..**25¢**

Fancy Picture Nails

200 Dozen Fancy Picture Nails, in a variety of shades. Regular 25c per dozen. Friday, per dozen .. ..**12½¢**
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STEP-LADDERS—Good attachments:

4-Step. Regular $1.45. Friday Special **$1.00**
5-Step. Regular $1.75. Friday Special **$1.25**
6-Step. Regular $2.10. Friday Special **$1.50**
7 Step. Regular $1.85. Friday Special **$1.75**
8-Step. Regular $2.80. Friday Special **$2.00**

CUT GLASS SPECIMEN VASES assorted styles:

5-inch. Regular 25c. Friday Special .. .. **20¢**
6-inch. Regular 40c. Friday Special .. .. **25¢**

PASTRY BOARDS, clear wood, three sizes. Regular 50c, 35c, 25c. Friday Special, 35c, 25c and .. .. **15¢**

CUT GLASS CREAM JUG, half pint size. Regular 25c. Friday Special .. .. **15¢**

Friday a Sale of Samples of Children's Wear

We have a manufacturer's set of sample Garments for Children that we will offer for sale on Friday. These samples include the following garments—Pinafores, Skirts, Drawers, Nightdresses, Slips, and White and Colored Muslin Dresses, Print Dresses, and some Cloth Dresses. These samples will be offered at very special prices, many being marked at half the regular figure. It will pay you to attend this sale.

At 25c, Worth to 60c
WHITE PINAFORES
WHITE UNDERSKIRTS
DRAWERS
NIGHT DRESSES

At 50c., Worth to $1.25
WHITE PINAFORES
UNDERSKIRTS WITH WAISTS
NIGHT DRESSES
COLORED PRINT DRESSES
INFANTS' SLIPS
DRAWERS
WHITE MUSLIN DRESSES

At 75c, Worth to $1.75
WHITE PINAFORES
UNDERSKIRTS WITH WAIST
COLORED PRINT DRESSES
INFANTS' SLIPS
WHITE MUSLIN DRESSES
COLORED DUCK DRESSES

At $1.00, Worth to $2.25
UNDERSKIRTS WITH WAISTS
COLORED GINGHAM DRESSES
WHITE MUSLIN DRESSES
NIGHT DRESSES
COLORED LINEN DRESSES
INFANTS' SLIPS

At $1.25, Worth to $2.75
WHITE MUSLIN DRESSES
COLORED LINEN DRESSES
COLORED MUSLIN DRESSES
COLORED GINGHAM DRESSES

At $1.50, Worth to $3.25
INFANTS' SLIPS
WHITE MUSLIN DRESSES
COLORED DUCK DRESSES
NAVY LUSTRE DRESSES
COLORED GINGHAM DRESSES

At $1.75, Worth to $4.00
INFANTS' SLIPS
NAVY PRINT DRESSES
COLORED GINGHAM DRESSES
WHITE MUSLIN DRESSES

At $2.00, Worth to $4.50
NAVY SERGE DRESSES
COLORED MUSLIN DRESSES
WHITE MUSLIN DRESSES
COLORED GINGHAM DRESSES
COLORED DUCK DRESSES

At $2.50, Worth to $5.75
Some very pretty White Muslin Dresses, made of fine quality muslins and daintily trimmed.

Samples of Women's Dressing Jackets at Small Prices

About seventy-five of these jackets to offer and at great savings, as they are marked at very attractive prices.

WOMEN'S DRESSING JACKETS, made of colored print, regular 75c and 90c. Friday's price .. .. **50¢**

WOMEN'S DRESSING JACKETS made of white and colored muslins and colored prints regular price $1.25 to $1.75. Friday .. .. **75¢**

WOMEN'S DRESSING JACKETS, made of white and colored muslins, values up to $2.50. Friday **$1.00**

WOMEN'S DRESSING JACKETS, made of white and colored muslins, regular values up to $5.00. Friday **$1.25**

FRIDAY OFFERS SPECIAL VALUES IN ENAMEL BEDSTEADS

ENAMEL BEDSTEAD, 4 ft. 6 in. wide, regular value $24.00. Friday **$19.50**

ENAMEL BEDSTEAD, 4 ft. 6 in. wide, regular value $18.00. Friday **$13.50**

ENAMEL BEDSTEAD, 4 ft. 6 in. wide, regular value $17.00. Friday **$13.00**

ENAMEL BEDSTEAD, 4 ft. 6 in. wide, regular value $25.00. Friday **$18.75**

ENAMEL BEDSTEAD, 4 ft. 6 in. wide, regular value $16.00. Friday.. .. ..**$14.75**

ENAMEL BEDSTEAD, 4 ft. 6 in. wide, regular value $14.00. Friday **$12.90**

ENAMEL BEDSTEAD, 4 ft. 6 in. wide, regular value $13.00. Friday **$11.75**

ENAMEL BEDSTEAD, 4 ft. 6 in. wide, regular value $14.50. Friday **$12.90**

ENAMEL BEDSTEAD, 3 ft. 6 in. wide, regular value $8.50. Friday **$6.90**

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ENAMEL BEDSTEAD, 4 ft. 6 in. wide, regular value $6.75. Friday **$5.50**

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ENAMEL BEDSTEAD, 3 ft. 6 in. wide, regular value $4.90. Friday **$3.90**

Pillow Slips, Sheetings, and Honeycomb Quilts

HONEYCOMB QUILTS—For single or ¾ size beds. Hemmed ready for use, at $1.25 and **$1.00**

HONEYCOMB QUILTS—Full size, hemmed ready for use. Nice, heavy quality, at $1.50 and **$1.35**

PILLOW SLIPS—Nice, soft finished cotton. sizes 42 and 44 inches. Per dozen.....**$1.50**

BLEACHED SHEETING, 8-4, for full size beds, plain or twilled. Per yd., 40c, 35c and **25¢**

PILLOW SLIPS—Nicely hemstitched, good grade of cotton. Sizes 40 to 46 inches. Per dozen **$1.80**

BLEACHED SHEETING, 6-4 and 7-4, for single and ¾ bed size. Plain finish. Per yard, 35c and .....**25¢**

BLEACHED SHEETING, 9-4, makes very full sized sheets, plain or twilled finish. Per yard, 50c, 45c, 40c and.....**30¢**

BLEACHED SHEETING, 10-4, makes extra large size sheets, plain or twilled. Per yard, 50c and .....**45¢**

PILLOW SLIPS—Nicely hemstitched, heavy soft cotton. Sizes 40 to 46 inches. Per dozen, $3.00 and **$2.40**

Early Spring Footwear Special

WOMEN'S BOOTS come in good quality, patent colt, vici kid with patent tips, and in gun metal calf skin.

Medium Weight Sewn Soles, Cuban heels, a good grade of American made footwear, on a smart dressy last. Friday, per pair **$2.50**

Wash Dress Goods Specials

Attractive values are the Wash Goods this season. All kinds of cotton goods are lower in price than they have been for a long time, and Wash Dress Goods in particular. We have opened many very handsome lines, that are the very newest ideas and are wonderfully low in price. The attractiveness of the patterns and the attractiveness of the prices make it worth your while to look these over.

LINEN FINISHED SUITINGS, tan, brown, light, medium and dark blue, green and pink, with very fine stripe, fancy borders to be used for trimming, 27 in. to 32 in. wide .. .. **25¢**

HOLLY BATISTE, white ground with fancy dot and border for trimming, also mid-blue, pink and tan, with fancy stripe border, 30 in. wide .. .. **25¢**

COTTON FOULARD, black and navy, with small white dots and rings, pink, light blue and mauve, with fancy borders .. .. **25¢**

POPLENE, in tan, brown, light blue, mauve and rose pink, plain, striped and checks, with and without borders, 28 in. wide .. .. **35¢**

COTTON VOILE, in green, light blue, pink and rose, floral designs, a very handsome, soft material, 28 in. wide .. **50¢**

FRENCH CHAMBRAYS, with wide striped border, in green, sky, mauve, grey and tan, 48 in. wide .. .. **50¢**

NEW DRESS GINGHAMS AND CHAMBRAYS, in large variety of style, checks, stripes and cross-bars, in all the best washing colors, also plain, in light blue, grey-blue, pink, tan and dark grey.. .. .. **12½¢ and 15¢**

NEW PRINTS light and dark colors, nice, soft finish, pure indigo colorings .. .. **10¢ and 15¢**

Some Friday Bargains for Men

Good Linen Collars, 12½c

MEN'S LINEN COLLARS, fine imported goods, made of good linen, all the most fashionable and popular styles and heights and all sizes, far ahead of any other collars that you can buy at this price. Each .. .. **12½¢**

MEN'S SHIRTS, fine print and chambray shirts, a large delivery of new styles and patterns, in pretty shades, the best we have ever had for the price. Special **$1.00**

MEN'S SHIRTS, very superior quality, Oxford, Zephyr and Print shirts in different styles, with cuffs attached or separate, many of the coat cut. Special **$1.50**

MEN'S SHIRTS, soft tennis or outing shirts, with collars attached and made to turn inside for use with a starched collar, soft cream cotton material, with stripes and fancy patterns. Special .. .. **75¢**

MEN'S SHIRTS, with collars attached and reversible to fold inside, in fawn, black and blue stripes, a nice, clean-looking shirt. Special .. .. **75¢**

MEN'S SHIRTS, soft tennis or outing shirts in strong cream cotton with colored silk stripes collar attached and reversible. Special **$1.00**

MEN'S SHIRTS, imported English flannel shirts, full cut, made with sateen collar bands for use with a starched collar, large and comfortable. Special **$1.75**

MEN'S SHIRTS, imported English woven Oxford shirts, collar attached, special large cut and double stitched, made in check patterns. Special 75c and.....**65¢**

MEN'S SHIRTS, strong English flannelette shirts, very full cut and double stitched in medium stripes. Special 75c, and .....**50¢**

MEN'S SOX, special value in Men's black cashmere sox, our seamless black cashmere sox spliced with red silk at the toe and heel. Special, per pair .....**25¢**

MEN'S SOX, English fine black cashmere seamless sox. Splendid quality. Special, per pair.....**35¢**

MEN'S SOX, imported black llama cashmere sox, full fashioned and good serviceable weight. Special, per pair.....**50¢**

MEN'S SOX, fine grade black and tan seamless cotton sox, medium weight, very strong. Special, per pair.....**12½¢**

MEN'S SOX—Scotch heather mixture pure wool, ribbed sox, a warm sox and splendid quality for hard wear. Special..**50¢**

MEN'S UNDERWEAR—Heavy striped wool shirts and drawers. Shirts double breasted. Special, per garment...**50¢**

MEN'S UNDERWEAR—Natural shade heavy weight shirts and drawers. Shirts double breasted. Special, per garment **35¢**

Clothing for Men and Boys

NEW SPRING SUITS FOR MEN AND YOUTHS—A big assortment just to hand. To make Friday and Saturday busy days in the Men's Store, we will offer Suits that were bought to sell at $10.00 and $12.50, at special low prices. These suits are authoritative Spring Styles, the newest ideas in both cut and cloth. The special prices will be $8.75 and.....**$7.50**

BOY'S NEW SUITS, very nobby two-piece suits, finished with straps and pockets, and buttons on sleeves. Sizes 24 to 34. Prices $8.50, down to.....**$3.75**

MEN'S HATS, a big line of new Spring Styles in both stiff and crush, including all the newest shades. Priced from $5.00 down to **$2.00**

Our Chocolates, the Best Made, per lb., 60c

DAVID SPENCER, LTD.

Perfection Chocolates, 25 Kinds, per lb., 60c